

# AWARDS

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of the ASSBT

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## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The ASSBT awards Honorary Membership to individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the beet sugar industry or have by virtue of scientific accomplishments acquired the admiration and respect of the Society.

This year the ASSBT awarded four Honorary Memberships:

### **Dr. Allan Cattanach**

Al Cattanach, after working 23 years as a Sugarbeet Extension Specialist for North Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota, accepted the position of General Agronomist for American Crystal Sugar Company where for the past 15 years he guided, trained and mentored the largest sugarbeet agricultural staff in the United States. Al has served on numerous university and industry committees and boards; including serving as President of both the Beet Sugar Development Foundation and ASSBT Board of Directors. Al, a previous recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, has been responsible for helping growers and other researchers better understand sugarbeet production and disease management in effort to increase grower profitability.

### **Mr. Ken Hoff**

Ken Hoff dedicated his entire career of 37 years to the beet sugar industry, holding many positions in sugar factories including Vice President of Operations at both Great Western Sugar Company and Monitor Sugar Company. He served on the Board of Directors of the Beet Sugar Development Foundation and is currently a Director of the McGinnis Institute of Beet Sugar Technology. Even well past his retirement, Ken has the drive and desire to help impart knowledge to the future leaders of our industry.

### **Dr. Robert Lewellen**

Bob Lewellen, who also received the Meritorious Service award in 1991 and the Savitsky award in 2009, has conducted sugarbeet research for 39 years at USDA-ARS, Salinas, California. Bob has over 125 publications and over 120 presentations at scientific meetings, research conferences and production meetings. He has released over 240 breeding lines and parental lines that have been used in commercial sugarbeet hybrids. His work with Rhizomania resistance was crucial in maintaining the profitability of the sugarbeet industry, not only in the United States, but around the world.

### **Mr. Robert Strickland**

Bob Strickland began his career with Holly Sugar Corporation, in Herford, Texas. Throughout his career he held many positions at

many locations including Vice President of Operations at both Holly Sugar Corporations and Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative. Bob served on many industry committees and was president of the Beet Sugar Development Foundation. In his 39 year sugar career, Bob mentored and coached numerous people throughout their careers as they progressed through the ranks in the sugar industry.

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

The ASSBT awards Meritorious Service Awards to members who have been outstanding in promoting the objectives of the Society or has made significant contributions to the beet sugar industry.

This year the ASSBT awarded four Meritorious Service Awards:

### **Dr. Linda Hanson**

Dr. Linda Hanson is a Research Plant Pathologist for USDA-ARS at the Sugarbeet and Bean Research Unit, East Lansing, Michigan. She is highly regarded for her research on sugarbeet plant pathogens, especially soil borne diseases caused by *Fusarium* and *Rhizoctonia*. Linda has presented numerous papers and participated in many forums, and is an expert in area of disease diagnosis for the sugarbeet industry.

### **Dr. Don Morishita**

Dr. Don Morishita is an extension weed scientist with the University of Idaho, Kimberly, Idaho. He has served on the Board of Directors for ASSBT, served on the program committee, and has presented numerous papers and participated in many forums. Don has developed extension programs and published over 340 technical reports and is recognized as an expert on integrated weed management in sugarbeets.

### **Mr. Paul Pfenninger**

Paul Pfenninger is the Vice President of Agriculture at Michigan Sugar. He has served on many sugarbeet related committees and Boards, including serving as President of West Coast Beet Seed, President of the Beet Sugar Development Foundation and President of ASSBT. Paul has always been very supportive of the ASSBT by serving on committees, presenting papers and participating in forums. Paul is widely respected by allied industry representatives and his peers in the sugar industry.

### **Mr. Peter Regitnig**

Peter Regitnig is the Research Agronomist with Lantic, Inc. in Al-

berta, Canada. He has served on the ASSBT Board of Directors. Peter has presented many papers, participated in many forums, and has served as session chairman. He is highly respected by all who know him and who have worked with him. Peter has an outstanding reputation as a production agronomist and is very willing to reach across the border to assist or share his knowledge and research with his colleagues.

## **FORTY-YEAR VETERAN AWARD**

The ASSBT awards Forty-Year Veteran certificates to those individuals completing forty years of service to the beet sugar industry.

This year the ASSBT awarded 30 certificates:

Donald D. Badt, American Crystal Sugar Company  
Michael Albert Benson, American Crystal Sugar Company  
Lonnie Clemson, Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative  
A. Neal Davie, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Russ B. Day, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Michel F. Desprez, Florimond Desprez  
Robert J. Dregseth, North Dakota University  
Jerry S. Feltman, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Jerry D. Garner, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
David J. Higgins, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
James M. Huckfeldt, The Western Sugar Cooperative  
James H. Isaak, Jr, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Donald R. Johnson, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
James O. Keidel, Michigan Sugar Company  
Leonard D. Kerbs, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
James H. Kurish, Michigan Sugar Company  
M. Louise Long, American Crystal Sugar  
Raul R. Lopez, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Ronald M. Markey, Michigan Sugar Company  
Gonzalo Martinez, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Diane V. Patterson, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Richard Albert Rossol, American Crystal Sugar Company  
Michael W. Rucker, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Thomas L. Schlatter, Michigan Sugar Company  
Ronald E. Schmidt, The Western Sugar Cooperative  
Charles L. Spencer, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Paulette M. Suedel, American Crystal Sugar  
Renee M. Whitmore, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
Kevin L. Wilson, The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC  
J. Kent Wimmer, The Western Sugar Cooperative