

List of AWS Counselors and Partial Citation Declaration

Class of 2001

John Bartley – *For his 40 years of distinguished service to the welding community consistently demonstrating a high quality of leadership through various company and Society affiliations, both domestically and internationally, which will continue to benefit the welding industry for many years to come.*

William Berglund – *In recognition of his honorable character, positive attitude and excellent leadership abilities in fostering good relations within the welding industry in business and non-business settings for more than three decades as a business communications professional.*

D. Fred Bovie – *For his proven leadership by using his management skills in guiding one of the largest welding manufacturing corporations in the world while also finding the time to assist the personal development of his employees and supporting their efforts in continuing education and participating in the welding community.*

Donald F. Hastings – *For his distinguished 40-year career in providing guidance, enthusiasm and leadership at the highest levels of industry, and as a mentor to hundreds of individuals demonstrating through his actions that service to the industry was the “right thing to do.”*

Dr. Ralph E. Long – *For his leadership in welding education and training through work activities and of service as a volunteer to the welding community both internationally and domestically bringing a sense of teamwork to ever project he undertook.*

James H. Walker – *For his wise counsel and leadership activities performed throughout his long career in the welding industry and for his service to others as a volunteer in disseminating his knowledge to the welding community, as well as his service as founding chairman of the AWS Foundation Board of Trustees.*

Class of 2002

Herbert E. Cable - *For his integrity, leadership, and devotion in the development of welding automation/mechanization and since 1973, having established the first U.S. pavilion showcasing American made products for the European consumer by continuing to encourage American companies to exhibit in the International Welding Exhibition in Essen, Germany.*

Ricky D. Messer – *In recognition of his honorable character, positive attitude and excellent leadership abilities in fostering good relations within the welding industry, his activities as an educational instructor, Society volunteer member on both the local and national levels, and dedication to the advancement of welding technology.*

Donald E. Powers – *In recognition of his guidance and expertise especially in the area of high energy density welding processes, the development of many facets of electron beam welding for the automobile industry, his mentoring of individuals within the welding community, his long standing support of technical committees, and for his overall commitment to excellence.*

Werner H. Quasebarth – *In recognition for his contributions to the advancement of welding technology through the founding of the American Welding Institute and the development of computer software and expert-based systems for welding establishing a first of its kind system providing for the fully computerized design of welds in complex weldments in accordance with welding codes.*

Class of 2003

Joseph Caprarola, Jr. – *For demonstrating leadership in his career of more than 50 years within organizations that have made substantial contributions to the welding industry and for developing the next generation of leaders for the Society and the welding community.*

Robert Geissbuhler – *Representing an outstanding example of an individual dedicated to progressing welding technology and committed to students and welding programs from trade schools to engineering universities.*

Dr. Karl F. Graff – *In recognition of his contributions and advancements as an educator through his personal involvement as a role model and for his accomplishments in the field of high-power ultrasonics.*

James F. Harris – *For his enthusiasm for and knowledge of welding education, which along with his experience and proactive approach towards mentoring, makes him a valuable resource for the welding industry and the Society.*

William H. Hobart, Jr. – *For helping to create a culture where an individual could take personal satisfaction in a job well done, treating individuals with dignity, and championing for the investment in research and development to further enhance the future of the welding and cutting industry.*

Milo “Mike” Kensrue – *As an inventor, innovator, and one who has enhanced the image of welding throughout the world, dedicating his life as a mentor and primary leader for the welding manufacturing industry.*

Robert A. “Bob” Mattoon – *In recognition of his honorable character as a principled man of integrity whose opinions and recommendations are received with respect and for using his management skills in guiding others in their personal development.*

Gerald D. Utrachi – *For training a generation of salesmen, end users, and distributors in a wide variety of welding processes and equipment through personal training and the development of training materials.*

George O. “Bob” Wilcox, Jr. – *Who has been instrumental in communicating and marketing the features and benefits of welding and cutting products through his creative ideas that consistently enhanced the image of welding.*

Class of 2004

Jack R. Barckhoff - *For demonstrating leadership in his career of more than 50 years by promoting welding as an engineering science, helping individuals, companies and the welding community to improve their welding quality and productivity.*

Richard W. Couch, Jr. – *Representing an outstanding example of an individual dedicated to progressing welding technology, especially in the areas of plasma arc cutting and welding by providing leadership in the development of many products that have benefited the welding industry and the world.*

Jack Dammann – *In recognition of his contributions and long history as an employer and community leader through his personal involvements promoting quality education and its positive effects on the general public and welding community.*

Alfred F. Fleury – *For his enthusiasm, leadership, unselfish devotion, who is a lively and incisive communicator who responds positively and actively to all challengers, and passing on to others his professional knowledge.*

Rudolph Murray – *As an educator who has enhanced the image of welding throughout the world, dedicating his life as a mentor, a man of conviction, and unquestionable dedication to the welding community.*

Ronald C. Pierce – *For tirelessly promoting the welding industry, always putting other individuals first, a true gentleman, a “walking billboard” for enthusiasm and passion in approaching all challenges with a positive attitude and friendly personality, combined with unequalled persistence in getting the job done.*

F. R. “Bob” Schneider, Jr. – *In recognition of his honorable character as a principled man of integrity whose opinions and recommendations are received with respect, and for using his management skills to help develop consensus, while guiding others in their personal development.*

Class of 2005

Warren G. Alexander – *For his untiring efforts and as a champion for quality standards in bridge structure, and for his counsel on fabrication, welding, metallurgy, and nondestructive testing issues. For his lifelong dedication to the welding industry to educate design engineers and fabricators in understanding the importance of their respective roles in “fracture avoidance” and through his efforts, AASHTO and AWS agreed to coauthor and published the ASSHTO/AWS D1.5-88, Bridge Welding Code.*

Lee G. Kvidahl – *For his more than thirty years of experience in welding engineering, he has distinguished himself in the shipbuilding industry by providing leadership for two major shipyards, serving on shipbuilding committees, and by his participation in NAVSEA working groups.*

Ernest D. Levert – *For his vision and outstanding leadership and perseverance in advancing the science and application of welding, supporting the welding industries, by mentoring and preparing the next generation of welding professionals, and for important contributions to major welding programs such as the Atlas and Centaur space boosters, Space Shuttle, International Space Station, Joint Strike Fighter (JSF-22), and various missile weapon systems.*

Glenn Nally – *For his fifty years of professional work experience and volunteer service, contributing to the welding community as a specialist in communications, advertising, literature, public relations, trade show, and product styling through his effective counseling and mentoring.*

Nancy C. Porter – *By providing support through her work at Edison Welding Institute and through leadership of The Ohio State University’s WE Alumni Society, her multifaceted involvement has helped welding engineering students, faculty, alumni, and employers through fund raising, student recruitment, communication, and job placement assistance enhancing the image of welding engineering as a profession.*

Amos O. Winsand – *For his numerous achievements, both in design and development of systems, demonstrated his leadership ability when he contributed many innovative ideas to improve the performance of multi-spot resistance welding transformers which became key components in the automotive industry’s quest to automate the resistance welding of car bodies.*

Class of 2006

Dr. Boris M. Krantz – *Is recognized for his early career in welding research and development and his significant contributions for the welding industry in sales, marketing, and product development.*

L. William Myers – *Is cited for his achievements as a welding engineer for more than thirty years, and as a leader in the promotion of quality education, and its positive effects on the general public and the welding community.*

Walter J. Sperko – *Is recognized for being a driving force in influencing international standards-writing organizations to adopt the standards developed and practiced by AWS, thus making it easier and more cost-effective for American businesses to compete with foreign manufacturers.*

Chester L. Woodman, Jr. – *Is cited for his enthusiasm, strong leadership, sales skills, technical contributions, and for fostering companies he represented to become leaders in robotic arc welding endeavors.*

2007 Class of Counselors

Wayne J. Engeron – *Is recognized for his contributions to the industry for more than 45 years which began as a development welder and progressed to a successful business entrepreneur serving the industry especially the brazing and soldering community.*

A. Rex Fronduti (Was not originally a posthumous recognition but the gentleman passed away prior to presentation) – *Is cited for his more than fifty years in steel fabrication, the training of technicians and welders, the building of railroad cars, the design of welding fixtures, and for his knowledge of the fabrication of bridges, which greatly contributes to the safety of the traveling public.*

Jeffrey W. Post – *Is recognized as a leader in the development of welding requirements for tubular structures that are now industry standards, for his significant contributions to the offshore fabrication industry and for his extensive knowledge in the art and science of flame straightening.*

Fritz Saenger, Jr. – *Is cited for his strong leadership, technical contributions, and the willingness to share his expertise through educational activities. Through his R&D endeavors, he was a major force in the development and implementation of new technologies contributing significantly to the growth and health of the welding industry.*

Harrison S. Sayre (Posthumous) – *Is recognized for his sixty years of contributions to the industry having impacted the establishment and refinement of quality standards for welding materials processes. He pioneered the introduction of underwater welding in the U.S. Navy and contributed to the development of welding materials and process standards for nuclear submarines.*

James J. Sekely – *Is cited as the driving force for the development of standard welding procedure specifications and for his experience in heavy industrial construction specializing in welding and quality assurance.*

Robert K. Wiswesser – *Is recognized for his contributions to the welding industry in training and certification, and increasing the knowledge, effectiveness, efficiency, and safety of fabrication projects around the world.*

2008 Class of Counselors

Charles E. Daily – *Is recognized for his more than 65 years of contributions to the industry and his strong beliefs that the future of the welding industry lies with today's youth. He has made it his personal crusade to promote the welding industry by soliciting businesses to support local teaching institutions to produce qualified welding personnel.*

Matthew J. Lucas, Jr. – *Is recognized for his more than 30 years of experience in the fields of brazing, welding, design, fabrication, and repair of components for aerospace applications; and for his willingness to share his knowledge with the brazing community.*

David J. Nangle – *Is cited for his leadership, ability to understand the needs of both individual members and the industry as a whole, talent for negotiating difficult problems among diverse groups of people, and ability to resolve complex business issues.*

Jeffrey S. Noruk – *Is cited for being instrumental in the development of friction stir welding for automotive applications; and his technical understanding of welding processes, practical knowledge of manufacturing-floor operations, and leadership skills.*

Richard A. Patterson – *Is cited for his sustained leadership in welding research, manufacturing, design, and management related to nuclear weapon programs, strategic defense initiatives, and space power applications; and for mentoring, developing, and support the education of welding staff and technicians.*

Donald D. Rager – *Is recognized for his vision related to the organization of committee work and committee structure, talent for obtaining results, and knowledge of welding for the development of codes and standards.*

Kenneth E. Richter, Sr. – *Is cited for his significant experience with the development, marketing, and manufacture of arc welding technology, avid supporter of welding education, and serving as a major force in the development and implementation of new technologies.*

2009 Class of Counselors

James R. "Rusty" Franklin – *Is recognized for his more than 30 years of contributions to the industry, working both nationally and internationally to promote important safety-related innovation, equipment, and education.*

Douglas D. Kautz – *Is recognized for his work in electron beam and laser beam welding technology and for his achievements as a metallurgical engineer and organizer.*

David J. Landon – *Is cited for his leadership and expertise which covers a broad spectrum of the industry from construction to manufacturing to consulting on welding issues.*

Kevin A. Lyttle – *Is cited for making significant technical contributions to the industry in the areas of welding consumables, process development, and development of high-strength steel welding products.*

Dr. Glenn Oyler – *Is cited for his long and distinguished career in the welding industry serving in leadership positions and in research and development that impacted the power and pressure vessel sectors and other key industries.*

2010 Class of Counselors

David M. Beneteau – *Is recognized for his more than 35 years of contributions to the industry as an expert in the resistance welding field and for his distinguished organizational leadership.*

David A. Fink – *Is recognized for technical contributions, industry activities, standards development and the internationalization of AWS in the global welding community.*

Gene L. Franke – *For his contributions to foster development of high-strength steel welding procedures and welding consumables, fume mitigation, failure analysis and the establishment of a DOD unique experimental consumables facility for critical navy applications.*

Kenneth A. Kuk – *Is cited for his vision and leadership in the development of the welding engineer technology program at Ferris State University resulting into the largest of its kind in the United States.*

Richard J. Seif – *Is cited for his leadership and expertise for making a positive impact on welding through innovative communications, advertising, and marketing programs all designed to enhance the image of welding as a career and the industry.*

Dale M. Stager – *Is cited for his more than 51 years of developing and improving methods of manufacturing filler metals and his leadership of various successful companies has resulted in dramatic improvements in the quality and cost effectiveness of filler metals.*

Mike L. Weller – *Is cited for his enthusiasm, strong leadership, sales skills, marketing contributions, and for fostering companies he represented to become leaders in the welding community.*

2011 Class of Counselors

Bruce P. Albrecht – *Is recognized for his integrity and leadership roles in business endeavors, support of welding education initiatives, and humanitarian activities.*

Edward R. Bohnart – *Is cited for his deep commitment to the preparation of the next-generation of welding professionals, demonstrated by his service on advisory councils, SkillsUSA, and development of welder-training programs for community colleges and other educational institutions.*

Gary LaFlamme – *Is cited for his vision and leadership in the international electron beam welding communities, and for helping U.S. industries stay competitive in the areas of medical and automotive high-speed welding.*

Earl C. Lipphardt – *Is recognized for his leadership in the welding financial arenas for more than 50 years. His services as AWS Treasurer made a positive impact on the Society that initiated its strong financial position that continues to this day.*

Dave H. Murray – *Is recognized for developing one of the nation's most successful welding fabrication courses, and for his mentoring of numerous students entering into the welding industry, and services as a faculty advisor, and holding leadership position on numerous committees.*

2012 Class of Counselors

Johnnie J. DeLoach – *Is recognized for his integrity and leadership roles in serving the United States Navy as a recognized authority on welding consumables and their applications to naval ship manufacturing processes.*

William H. Kielhorn (Was not originally a posthumous recognition but the gentleman passed away prior to presentation) – *Is recognized for his 50 year long career devoted to teaching and promoting welding technology, and introducing hundreds of LeTourneau University students to the world of welding.*

Victor Y. Matthews – *Is cited for devoting more than 46 years to the welding industry and contributing his practical knowledge of hands-on welding, technology, Society involvement, and commitment to service and humanity in both the civic and community arenas.*

John M. Stropki – *Is recognized for his distinctive service to the welding community both domestically and globally, his hands-on approach to business endeavors, and promoting the true value of the welding industry.*