



National Council of Acoustical Consultants present
C. Paul Boner Award to Robert C. Coffeen, FASA

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Indianapolis, IN – The National Council of Acoustical Consultants (NCAC) is pleased to announce Robert C. Coffeen, FASA as a recipient of the C. Paul Boner award. This award is presented to a member of the acoustical consulting community who embodies the qualities of the late C. Paul Boner– teacher, scientist, administrator, technician – and who has made outstanding contributions to the science of acoustics.

Coffeen was nominated for the C. Paul Boner Award by his peers and fellow NCAC Members. Words chosen to describe Coffeen and his work include, “Bob Coffeen personifies the meaning of the Boner Award. His record of accomplishment is outstanding and his contributions to the advancement of acoustical consulting and the training of future generations of consultants is exemplary.”

In 1964, as a young electrical engineer, Coffeen founded an acoustical consulting firm that was awarded a project to design an audio paging system for the new passenger terminal at Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC. The success of that project led not only to the growth of his firm which has completed over 3,000 in ten countries but also to Coffeen’s life long goal of making “every space the company touched sound great.”

In addition to consulting work, Coffeen has also had a long career as a teacher instructing graduate level students in architectural acoustics, building noise control, and electro-acoustics at the University of Kansas. Coffeen has often been heard telling his students, “There’s more to sound than what you hear.” His teaching excellence lead to the Acoustical Society of America (ASA) presenting Coffeen with the Rossing Prize for Education in Acoustics.

Additionally, Coffeen has been honored as an ASA Fellow, twice named Instructor of the Year by the National Systems Contractors Association as well as being presented with their Lifetime Achievement Award, and was inducted to the Systems Contractor News Hall of Fame.

NCAC presented the award to Coffeen during an awards ceremony at its annual meeting, December 2 – 3 in New Orleans, LA. Several of his students and the son of C. Paul Boner, Charles Boner, were in attendance.

NCAC is an international organization committed to supporting the acoustical profession through recognizing expert acoustical consultants and engineers; promoting opportunities for peer interaction; and providing a reference tool for the public to learn more about the profession and to find a consultant matched to their needs. Since 1962, NCAC member firms have led their profession in technical expertise, research, innovation and development of real-world applications in all types of environments.

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