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**NEW EC, AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED AT 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

*EC Slate for 2018-2020 Term Voted In; Association, Project, and EF Awards Handed Out*

**KANSAS CITY, MO | July 17, 2018** – The SAIA 2018 Annual Convention & Exposition was held July 9-12 in Chicago. Overall, the scaffold and access industry’s premiere event was a success, with attendance at an all-time high.

This year saw a changing of the guard with the Executive Committee, swearing in a new slate of members for the 2018-2020 term (effective August 1, 2018) during the President’s Gala Wednesday evening. They are as follows:

**SAIA 2018-2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

 <p><b>President</b> James Holcomb HD Scaffold, LLC Waldo, Fla.</p>  <p><b>Secretary</b> Francois Villeneuve Fraco Products, Ltd. St. Mathias, Quebec, Canada</p>  <p><b>Board Appointee</b> Rick McKinlay Winsafe Markham, Ontario, Canada</p>	 <p><b>President-Elect</b> Michael Paladino Eagle Scaffolding Services, Inc. Amityville, N.Y.</p>  <p><b>Treasurer</b> Colby Hubler Power Climber Wind Seattle, Wash.</p>  <p><b>Board Appointee</b> Matt Morgan Mdm Scaffolding Services, Inc. Grapevine, Texas</p>	 <p><b>Vice President</b> Tracy Dutting-Kane StepUp Scaffold Hubbard, Ohio</p>  <p><b>SAIA Member at Large</b> William DeMent Associated Scaffolding Company, Inc. Durham, N.C.</p>  <p><b>Immediate Past President</b> Paula Manning Century Elevators Houston, Texas</p>
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The night also capped off three full days of meetings, training, networking, and education with a reception, dinner, and awards presentations. The following is a list of the awards handed out and a brief description of each.

### **SAIA ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

These awards recognize members who have contributed their time, devotion, passion, and expertise to the overall growth, mission, and initiatives of the SAIA. These individuals are nominated by their fellow members and voted on by the entire membership.

- Spirit Award – Nicole Belmonte, Bee Access Products
- Unsung Hero Award – James Boudreau, BrandSafway
- Outstanding Service Award – Wendy Larison, Urban Scaffolding, Ltd.
- Outstanding Council Chairperson Award – Jeff Jack, RedBuilt, LLC
- Outstanding Company Contribution Award – StepUp Scaffold
- Coupling Pin – Steve Smith, Edge Scaffolding
- Hall of Fame Award – Frank Frietsch, Layher, Inc.
- D. Victor Saleeby Award – Paula Manning, Century Elevators

### **WILLIAM T. AYRES FOUNDERS AWARD**

This award is bestowed on an SAIA member who has excelled in the recruitment of new members. The recipient for 2018 was Michael Paladino, Eagle Scaffolding Services, Inc.

### **ACCREDITED TRAINING INSTITUTE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award is bestowed on the ATI that has educated the most students over the course of a year. The recipient, National Elevator Institute Education Program, graduated more than 1,570 trainees.

### **SAIA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award recognizes a member for their distinguished service, dedication, and contributions to the SAIA. The inaugural award was presented to Cliff Theve.

### **SAIA PROJECT AWARDS**

These awards recognize member companies for their work on scaffold and access industry projects in seven different categories. These companies have gone above and beyond to contribute to the success of the project.

- Commercial Collaborative Project of the Year – SkyLine Scaffold, Inc.  
*Thunder Valley Casino Resort, in collaboration with DSS and D.H. Charles Engineering, Inc.*
- Industrial Collaborative Project of the Year – SkyLine Scaffold, Inc.  
*Caribou Penstock, in collaboration with DSS and D.H. Charles Engineering, Inc.*
- Mast Driven Hoists and Platforms Project of the Year – Klimer Platforms, Inc.  
*NASA Space Launch System Rocket Propulsion Test Stand*
- Innovation Award – BrandSafway  
*Reimagine 900*
- Suspended Access Project of the Year – Sky Climber  
*Conowingo Dam Cofferdam Access Project, Phase 2*

- Supported Scaffold Project of the Year – D.H. Charles Engineering, Inc.  
*Universal Bay Volcano*
- Shoring Project of the Year – D.H. Charles Engineering, Inc.  
*Paseo Colorado*

#### **SAIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS**

This award recognizes benefactors for their contributions to the Education Foundation, including direct monetary contributions, gifts donated to auction (sale amount), gifts purchased at auctions, and convention/committee sponsorships. They earn credits toward one of five levels: Diamond (\$20,000 contribution), Platinum (\$10,000), Gold (\$5,000), Silver (\$2,500), and Bronze (\$1,000). Benefactors for 2017-2018 include:

- Bronze Award – Regional Equipment Services Inc.
- Gold Award – KC Scaffold
- Gold Award – Lynn Ladder & Scaffolding Co., Inc.
- Platinum Award – A-1 Scaffold Mfg., Inc.

For more detailed information on each of these awards, please visit [www.saiaonline.org](http://www.saiaonline.org). The President's Gala was sponsored by STVA.

#### **About the SAIA**

The Scaffold & Access Industry Association (SAIA) is a non-profit trade 501(c)(6) association committed to raising the standards of professionalism within the scaffold and access industry. The SAIA represents all facets of the scaffold and access industry through various councils that include, aerial work platform, construction hoist, fall protection equipment, international, industrial, mast climbing, plank and platform, shoring, supported scaffold and suspended scaffold. Through its various programs, the SAIA promotes safety, training and a highly professional, responsible image of the scaffold and access professional. The SAIA delivers thousands of safety training programs a year at various locations throughout the world. These programs cover all aspects of scaffold and access safety and equipment use. The SAIA is also the secretariat for the American National Standard, SAIA ASC A92 and A11 standards. For more information, call 816 595.4860 or visit us at [www.saiaonline.org](http://www.saiaonline.org).

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