



CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE LEGACY

Recognizing the people whose leadership, service, innovation, and participation strengthened TechForum, AGA, and the galvanizing industry.

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TECHFORUM



50 YEARS OF TECHFORUM IS A STORY ABOUT PEOPLE

TechForum marks its 50th anniversary as a technical and networking gathering for the galvanizing community.

The through-line is leadership, service, innovation, and a willingness to engage—work that strengthened AGA and the industry.





AGA AWARD WINNERS TURNED CONTRIBUTION INTO LEGACY

Recognition reflects more than a single achievement. It points to the qualities that keep a technical community healthy and connected.



Leadership

Step forward when the community needs direction



Service

Give time and attention to the work behind the program



Innovation

Move the galvanizing industry forward



Mentorship

Help others enter, learn, and contribute



Engagement

Stay involved across years, roles, and conversations



SOME CONTRIBUTORS MADE TECHFORUM STRONGER EVERY YEAR

CONTRIBUTION

PEOPLE

Most Prolific Presenter

Barry Dugan — Horsehead, ZCA, Zinc Connections
Robert Woods — Zaclon
Martin Gagne — Noranda, IZA

**Most Likely to Challenge
Conventional Wisdom**

John Zervoudis — Cominco/Teck
Tom Kinstler — Industrial Galvanizers / GalvaScience

Workshop Warrior

Barry Dugan — Horsehead, ZCA, Zinc Connections

EHS Warrior

Sally Buck — Witt Galvanizing / AGA / Valmont Coatings
Andrew Marchioni — V&S

Chief Hospitality Officer

Monish Jolly — S.B. Enterprises



WELCOMING, PLANNING & REMEMBERING ARE FORMS OF LEADERSHIP

These contributions create continuity: they help people enter the community, keep the work moving, and preserve its memory.



MOST WELCOMING TO NEW MEMBERS

Eric Smith

Makes participation feel possible from the start.



DEDICATED PLANNING COMMITTEE LEADERS

Jim Cole (Chair: 1995-2005)

Bob Woods (Chair: 2005 - Today)

Keeps the work moving across years of planning since 1977.



TF / INDUSTRY GUARDIANS

Mike Hettleman

Phil Rahrig

Bob Messler

Tom Langill

Preserve the story that gives the community continuity.

LEADERSHIP BEYOND THE PODIUM



THE LEGACY IS STILL IN THE ROOM

TechForum is stronger because people share their technical knowledge and their vision for a greater industry.

Recognize: TechForum presenters (past and present) contribute to the industry's technical knowledge.

Recognize: Sponsor companies (past and present) who generosity allow us to gather each year and make TechForum and the AGA successful.

AGA AWARD WINNERS IN THE ROOM

Bob Woods	2017 Hall of Fame Award
Pat Fordham	2017 Barrow Way Award
Phil Rahrig	2020 Hall of Fame & Past AGA Executive Director
Sally Buck	2025 Thomas M. Gregory Memorial Award

...WHO'S NEXT?



ZINC HANDSHAKE

For service that makes a
community stronger.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Eric Smith

A personal thank-you for his years of support to TechForum and the AGA.

His service connects welcome, participation, and institutional memory—the work that helps a community endure.

THANK YOU, ERIC