

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Landscape architects elect Kubota president

Brian Kubota is the new president of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

A partner in the design firm of Peters, Kubota and Glenn, and the ASLA's former vice president, Kubota also was invested as an ASLA Fellow at the group's recent annual meeting in Seattle, Wash.

The Hawaii native graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in architecture.

Kubota said: "While the practice of landscape architecture today is incredibly diverse, the 10,000 members of ASLA share common goals about the quality of the built and natural landscape."

Hunter leads irrigation officers

Richard E. "Dick" Hunter, a partner with Hunter Industries in San Marcos, Calif., has been installed 32nd president of the Irrigation Association, heading a new slate of officers.

The association at its recent annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., named new officers and honored Bart Nelson of Walla Walla, Wash., Dr. Leslie Sheffield of Lincoln, Neb., former association leader Walter D. Anderson, and Robert Williams-Freeman of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Hunter's father, Ed, founded Moist-O-Matic in 1952, and is an IA Industry Achievement Award winner.

Hunter is joined on the association's executive committee by Glenn Tribe of Portland, Ore., president-elect; Michael Sypolt, Sacramento, Calif., vice president; Robert Emmerich, Riverside, Calif., treasurer, and Bill Pogue, Riverside, past president.

R. C. "Bob" Sears is the IA's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Board of Directors members elected were Phil LeBlanc, Sanford, Fla.; John Morgan, San Marcos; and Bart Nelson.

Nelson, president of Nelson Irrigation Corp., received the IA's Industry Achievement Award. Nelson's accomplishments include a U.S.-patented flow-control nozzle.

Nelson's grandfather, L. R. Nelson, began manufacturing innovative irrigation equipment in 1911. L. R.'s son, Russ, was president of L.R. Nelson Mfg. Co., Inc. for 20 years.

Nelson's interest in irrigation began in the late 1950s with large traveling sprinkler systems for agricultural use.

He persuaded B. F. Goodrich Co. to build long-length, high-capacity soft hose that could be dragged.

He also participated in the building of prototype traveling sprinklers, employing this type of hose which is used throughout the world today on traveling sprinkler systems and on linear self-propelled systems.

Dr. Sheffield was named IA's Man of the Year.

The award honors individuals outside the irrigation industry who have made outstanding contributions toward good irrigation practices.

Extension Farm Management specialist in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Economics, Sheffield has written 135 professional articles on water resources, irrigation and irrigation economics.

He is the author of the IA's "The Economic Impact of Irrigated Agriculture."

Completed in 1985, this 361-page study provides information and materials on the impact of irrigation and the irrigation industry on the economics of states and the United States and on the vital role of irrigation on a worldwide basis to help meet the food requirements of a rapidly growing world population.

Anderson was recognized for 16 years of service to the association, and was cited for bringing worldwide attention to the association among universities, federal agencies and state institutions.

Under his leadership, the Sprinkler Irrigation Association expanded to include all segments of the irrigation industry and it became the Irrigation Association. During his tenure, from 1969 to 1985, membership grew from 200 to more than 1,000.

Williams-Freeman, CID, manager of Oliver Industrial Supply's Irrigation Division, Lethbridge, received the IA's Crawford Reid Memorial Award.

The award cites those making significant achievements in the promotion of proper irrigation techniques and procedures and who have brought about major advancement of the industry outside the United States.



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