ACEC Indiana recently recognized several individuals for their contributions to the consulting engineering profession—including ACEC Indiana Consulting Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year Award, and the Sagamore of ACEC Indiana—at its Annual Recognition Luncheon.

Cheryl Cunningham, P.E., was recognized as the 2018 Consulting Engineer of the Year. Cunningham is Immediate Past President of ACEC Indiana and recently founded and serves as president for “I Can Be An Engineer,” a 501(c)3 not for profit founded to inspire young minds to learn about engineering. Cunningham introduces the concept of engineering to K-2 by reading her published books about engineering, then discussing the wonderful opportunities engineering can bring.

During her presidency, ACEC Indiana and its road funding partners successfully helped to pass a historic investment in state highway and local road infrastructure that is long-term and dedicated. She was also at the helm as ACEC Indiana embarked on a mission to update the Association’s Strategic Plan and also served as the Board Liaison for the newly created Membership Engagement Committee.

Mary Kerstein, P.E., CHA Consulting, Inc., received the 2018 Young Engineer of the Year Award for her well-rounded involvement that parallels ACEC Indiana’s mission and objectives.

Kerstein is an active member of Women’s Transportation Seminar of Greater Indianapolis for four years and currently serves as vice president. Her passion for encouraging young women to go into STEM-related fields is why she is a very active member of a number of young professional/education committees in professional and industry organizations, including the Young Professionals Committee for Aviation Indiana and the Education Committee of ACEC Indiana.

Kristen Walker, CIC, Walker & Associates Insurance, received the Sagamore of ACEC Indiana Award, Established in 1998 to honor a person who has helped elevate the engineering profession, created goodwill towards ACEC Indiana or the profession, or advanced the cause of engineers or engineering issues and who is not a practicing engineer or not in public service.

Walker specializes in the A/E and Construction Sectors, having nearly 15 years of experience in helping clients protect their businesses from all kinds of mayhem. Walker spearheaded the technical expertise needed to try to get HB 1015 Indemnity and Duty to Defend passed and spent countless hours participating in briefing meetings with allies and opponents, to testify before the Indiana General Assembly, and to continually educate legislators and constituents on the issue. She also served as a co-chair of the newly formed Membership Engagement Committee.

Cheryl Cunningham, recipient of the Consulting Engineer of the Year Award; Mary Kerstein, recipient of the Young Engineer of the Year Award; Kristen Walker, recipient of the Sagamore of ACEC Indiana Award.

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