

NASCLA STATE MEMBER NEWS

Vic Weston, 22 year Board Member of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors Awarded the 2018 Most Valuable Professional

Victor (Vic) Weston, 22 year board member of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors and proud member of NASCLA was awarded the 2018 Most Valuable Professional at the annual UCTA/Underground Construction MVP Awards Banquet on Tuesday, January 30th, during the Underground Construction Technology (UCT) International Conference & Exhibition. Mr. Weston is renowned and revered as a long-term role model for collaboration and support between the construction industry and higher education.



Mr. Weston is president and owner of Baton Rouge, LA, Tri-State Road Boring Inc., a general contracting firm founded in 1975 that specializes in highway drainage and casings, the heavy industrial sector for petrochemical companies, and micro-tunneling and directional drilling throughout the Gulf South states.

A 30-year history of advocating for strong industry-university relations began with Weston's membership in the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, a NASCLA State Member. He organized regular meetings with Louisiana Tech University leaders to help them align student/workforce development activities with the needs of the construction industry. Mr. Weston further advanced development activities by bringing major construction industry speakers to Louisiana universities, ensuring students learned from national experts.

Most impressive is his major role in generating millions of dollars of industry support for construction education programs, which also helped to increase national impact and recognition across the nation. This included working with the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors to influence the state legislature to direct surplus board funds to create \$1 million Chairs at various universities. Also working with the Louisiana legislature, Mr. Weston and his fellow board members had all Licensing Board fines assigned to the Contractors Educational Trust Fund (CTEF), providing further support of university engineering and construction departments – totaling more than \$5 million over the years.

Mr. Weston has proudly served on the NASCLA Accredited Examination Program Committee and Contractors Committee as an advocate for contractors. He was a key contributor in the development of the *NASCLA Accredited Examination for Commercial General Building Contractors*, the trade portion of the general contractors examination which promotes mobility for candidates seeking licensure in multiple jurisdictions launching in 2009. In addition, Mr. Weston provided the introductory meeting with the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) to gain their support in the development of NASCLA's newest accredited examinations for Electrical Contractors, Journeyman Electricians, and Residential Electrical Contractors within the *NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program* set to launch in summer 2018.



Mr. Weston pictured with his wife Joy after receiving his award.

Mr. Weston has been very active in the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America and the AGC of Louisiana. He served as the state president in 1992, including 22 years of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors Board of Directors. Mr. Weston also served on the national AGC executive committee and the executive board.

For all his efforts in supporting the construction industry and education, Mr. Weston was inducted into the Louisiana State University Construction School Hall of Honor. He also serves on the Common Ground Alliance board of directors representing the Associated General Building Contractors (AGC).

NASCLA would like to congratulate Mr. Weston on all of his many accomplishments and thank him for his continued support of the association.