NFRC Names 2019 Award Winners for Fenestration Standouts

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 Member of the Year, Emerging Leader of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards, all of whom embody NFRC’s dedication to fair, accurate and credible ratings for windows, doors and skylights.

**Dariush Arasteh Memorial Member of the Year award:** Jason Seals, certification manager at the American Architectural Manufacturers Association

Jason showed strong leadership in NFRC’s organizational streamlining, serving as chair of the NFRC 700 PCP Certification Subcommittee and the NFRC 700 Certification Streamline Process Task Group. With 20 years of industry experience, he provided thoughtful input throughout these key processes.

**Emerging Leader Award:** Stephanie Skoglund, project and quality assurance manager at Quast Consulting & Testing

Stephanie has been involved with NFRC for 15 years and in recent years volunteered and supported several task groups and work groups, including the Simulation Manual Work Group, RCBC Task Group, Window/Therm Approval Task Group, and RCBC Manual Work Group, and others. Her in-depth knowledge of the NFRC Laboratory and Simulation requirements has made her indispensable to the industry.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Steve Strawn

A veteran of NFRC for more than 20 years and a longtime executive at JELD-WEN, Steve Strawn played an instrumental role in several major initiatives. Strawn helped develop the Independent Verification Program (now FenStar), representing NFRC and the industry to the EPA. He also helped lead the development of the Residential Component Based Calculation initiative. Steve won the NFRC Member of the Year award in 2016 and chaired the NFRC Board of Directors and numerous task groups and subcommittees.

The three award winners were announced at a special ceremony on September 23 in Charlotte as part of NFRC’s Fall Membership Meeting.

“NFRC’s 30 years of success are due in large part to the dedication of its members, so it’s great to be able to recognize these three individuals for their service,” said NFRC CEO Deb Callahan. “Our work contributes to the energy efficiency of homes and offices and improves the health and comfort of occupants. Steve, Stephanie and Jason—as well as the rest of our staff and volunteer members—have helped put us in a position to do even bigger and better things going into our next 30 years.”