

# 2019 ASA President's Award



Cotter

**T**he ASA President's Award was established in 2005 to recognize a person or organization that has made exceptional contributions to the shotcrete industry. It is the sole responsibility of the immediate outgoing President of ASA to select the recipient of this award. Since 2006,

13 well-deserving individuals and one organization have been awarded the ASA President's Award, all of whom dedicated their time and energy to advancing the shotcrete industry.

For 2019, at the Fifteenth Annual ASA Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, NV, the immediate outgoing President of ASA, Cathy Burkert, presented this award to Michael Cotter, for his exemplary leadership in the shotcrete industry, advancing and facilitating the mission of ASA.

*"This person has been in the construction industry for over 40 years. He has owned a construction and consulting business and has repaired over 10,000 structures, placing over a million ft<sup>2</sup> of shotcrete in his career. Shortly after ASA was established, this person became increasingly involved and served on numerous committees, the Board of Directors, the Executive*

*Committee, and in 2013 served as ASA's President. He has shown significant leadership and commitment to ASA throughout the years and is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to shotcrete practices.*

*This person set out to substantially improve the nozzleman certification program and was a prime mover in developing the ASA Shotcrete Contractor Qualification program. While this person has moved out of active company participation and into a well-deserved retirement, he still serves ASA as a member of the Contractor Qualification Committee.*

*A lot of you had the opportunity to sit in meetings throughout the years with this person and many of you may have gotten into some heated discussions. But as one who has worked for years with him, I can say he truly respects all of you and considers you lifelong friends. One of his favorite metaphors is "without an agitator, the wash doesn't come clean." This person first introduced me to ASA over 15 years ago and has been my source of inspiration and motivation working under his leadership. As my mentor and my friend, I am proud to present this year's ASA President's Award to Mr. Michael Cotter."*

—Cathy Burkert



Cathy Burkert, ASA Past President, presenting the 2019 ASA President's Award at the ASA Awards Banquet