
President's Award 2025

A highlight of an ASA President's responsibilities is to nominate a distinguished member for ASA's President's award. Since 2005, this award has recognized 19 individuals and an organization that have made exceptional contributions to the shotcrete industry. It is among ASA's highest honors and is the responsibility and honor reserved for the immediate outgoing President. This year that mantle falls upon Bill Geers.



Raúl Bracamontes Bracamontes Consulting LLC

It is the sole responsibility of each previous year's American Shotcrete Association (ASA) President to select the recipient of the President's

Award as a final act before leaving the office. Since 2006, numerous well-deserving individuals and one organization have been awarded the ASA President's Award, all of whom dedicated their time and energy to advance the shotcrete industry. At the completion of my tenure as President, I am honored to be presenting the ASA President's Award to a person clearly deserving of this esteemed recognition: I am presenting this year's President's Award to Raúl Bracamontes, for his outstanding service to the ASA and the shotcrete industry.

This year's recipient has been a consistent force of inclusion in the shotcrete community to our Spanish speaking segment. As an engineer, author, speaker, ACI-certified shotcreter, ACI-certified shotcrete inspector, and an ASA/ACI shotcreter examiner, Raúl Bracamontes has played a key role in bringing ACI materials and certification, along with ASA presentations and information, to the Spanish speaking shotcrete community for decades.

Raúl has gained an international reputation for his

insights and training in shotcrete placement. He has written 12 books (including two cookbooks) and traveled to numerous countries to consult, train, and present on shotcrete-related projects and topics. He has conducted the lion's share of bilingual shotcreter certification sessions in the U.S. and Canada on ASA's Roster of examiners. Raúl has reviewed and translated most of the ACI Shotcreter Certification study materials (ACI CCS4 and CP 60). Additionally, his support for the certification program included reviewing translated exam materials and certification exam questions (wet- and dry-mix written) for accuracy.

Raúl is active on ASA's Education & Safety Committee, as well as the Underground Committee. He has contributed to work products such as ASA's Safety Guidelines for Shotcrete, position statements, and many articles for Shotcrete magazine. In 2023, Raúl was the recipient of ASA's Carl Akeley Award for his article on "The Use of Rapid-Set Accelerators in Shotcrete." Raúl also serves as the translation editor behind ASA's Spanish articles in each issue, allowing ASA to provide articles of interest to our Spanish speaking shotcreters in each issue.

There are numerous ways Raúl has contributed to ASA's community, but what stands out most is his humble willingness to serve whenever he is asked and as quickly as he can, despite a very heavy travel schedule. Aided by his master scheduler wife (who can match him in creativity when scheduling and organizing Raúl's engagements), Raúl will always try his best to fit any request into his schedule. He has a great sense of humor, puts attendees at ease, and conducts himself professionally in every setting. Raúl is someone you want on your team — he is someone who cares, works with excellence, and follows through with his commitments. That is why I'm proud to present Raúl Bracamontes as my choice for this year's President's award.