

## *May meeting*

### *Our Recognition Meeting*

Our May recognition meeting was held in downtown Baltimore in the penthouse ballroom at the Admiral Fell Inn. It was a crab extravaganza with crab cakes and Maryland Crab soup. The happy hour on the deck provided a panoramic view of the city and the harbor. Post President Carrie Ann Williams and first Vice President LTC Michael Ruppert presented the awards. Our awardees were:

**Mentoring Award:** Emily Schiffmacher, PE (USACE)

**Notable Achievement:** Chris Hikel

**Service Award:** Mindy Hinsley (Aria Environmental)

**Small Business Member Firm of the Year:** Prime AE

**Sustaining Member Firm of the Year:** JMT

**Large Business Member Firm of the Year:** Gannett Fleming

**Architect of the Year:** Deb Wittle (Prime AE)

**Architectural Service Award:** WBCM

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Phil Der, PE, FSAME



Deb Wittle receives her award



Emily Schiffmacher receives her award

*Phil Der Receives Lifetime Achievement Award*

Phil Der, FSAME received a surprise award at our recognition meeting, the lifetime achievement award. Phil is stepping down as our Post Secretary this year after 35 years of service. Thats right, Phil joined the Post in 1981!

Mindy Hinsley was mentored by Phil and spoke about him at the meeting. "Phil introduced me to SAME early in my career at WBCM and took me under his wing to teach me about the federal market and introduce me to teaming partners. I loved riding with him to the meetings and we would talk shop and strategy."



L-R: Carrie Ann Williams, LTC Michael Ruppert, Phil Der, FSAME and Mindy Hinsley

Phil was inducted into the SAME Academy of Fellows a couple of years ago. He has been our secretary since 2001, taking notes at the board meetings, developing minutes, running the registration table at our meetings, and interfacing with the ESB on logistics for all of our meetings. We will miss you, Phil!

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## *Our Slate is Set for 2016-17*

Congratulations to the new members of the Board of Direction for the Post for next year! After a "vigorous" campaign filled with politics, our slate for next year is:

**President:** LTC Michael Ruppert  
**First Vice President:** Col. Edward Chamberlayne  
**Second Vice President:** Rob Scrafford  
**Secretary:** Mindy Hinsley  
**Assistant Secretary:** Rad Delaney  
**Treasurer:** Emily Schiffmacher  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Chris Hikel  
**Young Member Director:** Nicole Walworth  
**Directors:** Phil Der and Deb Wittle



## *Upcoming Events*

See what we will be up to!

**August:** After our summer break, come out for our August Social. Details to be announced later.

To register for our meetings or for more information, visit our website [here](#).



## *Donations*

Thanks to our donors to the scholarship fund!

**Gannett Fleming \$1,000**



Meeting **The Engineering Society of Baltimore**  
Location: 11 West Mount Vernon Place  
Baltimore, MD 21201

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