



MSA Recognizes Best Practices Annual T.O.P.S. Awards



The Minnesota Subcontractors Association recognized Best Practices in the construction industry at its Annual T.O.P.S. Award Dinner on January 24, 2017. The event was attended by 270 Subcontractors, General Contractors and Construction Professionals. Individuals, companies and construction students were presented with awards and scholarships at the event. MSA members nominate and vote on large and small General Contractors, Project Managers, Superintendents, Construction Professionals and Safety Directors. Winners are selected considering best practices using specific criteria including: contract terms and conditions; bidding practices, project safety and security; reasonable schedules, competent project managers, timely payment and others.



The Project Manager Award was presented to Ben Newlin with Terra General Contractors (left). Terra was also presented with the T.O.P.S. Small General Contractor Award (under \$100M annual sales) (right). This is the second time Terra has received this award.



Other Award winners included Construction Superintendent Cal Young with R.J. Ryan Construction (left), Construction Professional Katie Critelli with Gardener Construction (right) and Safety Director Scott Beron with Ryan Companies US (below).



(The award winners are pictured with Mike Schmaltz, MSA Executive Director and MSA President, Donna Gulden)



The Large General Contractor Award (over \$100M annual sales), was presented to McGough. This is the sixth time McGough has been presented with the T.O.P.S. Large General Contractor Award and McGough professional staff numbered among the finalists for individual awards.

Three Scholarships were presented to students pursuing careers in construction. **Seth Norling** (left) with the *University of MN*, **Devyn Smoter** and **Danial Hannover** (right), both with *Dunwoody College of Technology*. One of the Scholarships was dedicated to the



memory of Patrick Kennedy, a past President and winner of the MSA Champions Award. The winner of the scholarship is selected considering initiative and leadership qualities. It was presented this year to **Devyn Smoter**. Including these scholarships, MSA has awarded over \$43,000 to date to construction students.

A Champions Award was presented to MSA Lobbyist Nick McNeely in recognition of his outstanding legislative achievements. The recipient of this award is selected by past MSA Presidents and past Champions Award winners to recognize significant accomplishments in the development of MSA and work in attainment of its objectives.



About the Minnesota Subcontractors Association Incorporated in 1992, the Minnesota Subcontractors Association (MSA) is a non-profit trade association representing construction industry specialty contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. Subcontractors make up over 90% of the construction Industry. MSA is the only association that concentrates on the business issues affecting all subcontractors and suppliers with a focus on slow payment, retainage, indemnification, lien rights, fair contract language, bidding practices and similar issues. Members include both union and non-union firms from every specialty construction trade. MSA provides representation in government affairs, education services, safety training, scholarships and cooperative action for the improvement of the construction industry. Information is available on our website www.msamn.com.