

The Association of Minnesota Building Officials

Annual Award Recipients

Code Official of the Year

AMBO Tom Joachim Award

(Formerly the Al Kleinbeck Award)

This award is for excellence in Code Administration as a Building Inspector or Building Official. The Association recognizes a Minnesota Code Official whose work and accomplishments exemplify a willingness to contribute beyond the job requirements and enhance the application of the profession through education, code development, or professional development. These efforts translate into improved public safety in the built environment.

Recipients

2019 – Cindy Shilts
2018 – Paul Heimkes
2017 – Barry Brainard
2016 – Dave Fisher
2015 – Randy Kardell
2014 - Doug Johnson
2013 – Roger Axel
2012 – Jim Williamette
2011 – Joe Ryan
2010 – Gary Yoder
2009 – Craig Hoium
2008 – Brian Hoffman
2007 – Steve Nelson
2006 – Tom Joachim
2005 – Nell Bean
2004 – Rob Nienaber
2003 – Merwyn Larson
2002 – Mick Kaehler
2001 – Greg Johnson

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Educator of the Year Award AMBO Roger Axel Award

The Educator of the Year Award is presented to an individual active in the education and training of Building Inspectors, Building Officials, and others involved in Code Administration. The award is named for Roger Axel who has been, and continues to be, instrumental in the development of the educational programs for the Region III Institute, for contractor training, and for educating code officials throughout the United States.

Recipients

- 2019 – Michele Engberg
- 2018 – no nominees submitted
- 2017 – Katy Hauan
- 2016 – John Knudson
- 2015 – Andy Schreder
- 2014 – Dan Delgehausen
- 2013 – Chad Lunder
- 2012 – Nick Carver
- 2010 – Glen Moreland

Building Department of the Year AMBO Building Department of the Year Award

The AMBO Building Department of the Year Award is presented to a community that has been dedicated to code development and education for Building Officials and Building Inspectors.

Recipients

- 2019 – City of Owatonna
 - 2018 – no nominees submitted
 - 2017 – City of Pipestone
 - 2016 – City of Minneapolis
 - 2015 – City of Hastings
 - 2014 – City of Blaine
 - 2013 – Goodhue County
 - 2012 – City of Maple Grove
 - 2011 – City of Maplewood
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