The Susan M. Frey Memorial Scholarship

The SEAO Scholarship Foundation Board is pleased to announce the establishment of a scholarship fund in the name and to the memory of Sue Frey, who passed away in May, 2013. The "Susan M. Frey Memorial Scholarship" will honor her invaluable contributions to the structural engineering profession.

After receiving her B.S. and M.S. from Purdue University, Sue was hired by CH2MILL, where she spent her entire career as a structural engineer designing a wide variety of structures ranging from water storage reservoirs and wastewater treatment plants to performing arts theaters. In addition to providing high-quality work that was innovative and technically sound, Sue was dedicated to mentoring assistant design managers and junior structural engineers.

Sue served on the Civil Engineering Advisory Council at Purdue University for many years where she was awarded the Civil Engineering Alumni Achievement in 2005. In 2010, she won the CH2M HILL CEO Excellence Award which acknowledges employees who go above and beyond their day-to-day responsibilities and who demonstrate exemplary alignment with CH2M HILL’s governing value of Respect.

Sue devoted countless hours toward many national and international professional societies, helping to advance the improvement and refinement of building codes and design practices through the Masonry Society, the Masonry Standards Joint Committee, the American Waterworks Association, the Structural Engineers Association of Oregon, the American Concrete Institute, and the National Council of Structural Engineers Association (NCSEA). Recently she was appointed by the Governor as a board member on the Oregon State Board of Examiners of Engineering and Land Surveying.

Sue served as an adjunct professor in the civil engineering department at Oregon State University, beginning in 1995 and she frequently presented at seminars and webinars for the Northwest Concrete Masonry Association. Sue was very active on the NCSEA Licensure Committee. She helped to develop the NCSEA-Kaplan Structural Examination Review Course and taught the Masonry portion of the Review Course. To honor one of their finest instructors, NCSEA recently created the "Susan M. Frey NCSEA Educator Award" in recognition of her genuine interest in, and extraordinary talent for, effective instruction for practicing structural engineers. In addition to mentoring and teaching other engineers, Sue participated in mentoring events to encourage young women to choose technology careers.

Sue was SEAO President from 1997-1998 and served as SEAO's delegate to NCSEA and the Western State Council for many years. In October 2008, SEAO presented her with its first Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her service to the organization and the structural engineering profession. Sue was well respected amongst her peers.

The Susan M. Frey Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to one outstanding student who exemplifies Sue's dedication to structural engineering with particular emphasis on teaching and mentoring. The scholarship will not only honor her memory and recognize her accomplished career, it will also assist students who share her interest in educating and instructing tomorrow's engineers.