McDowell, Duggal to Receive 2017 Luminaire Innovation, Service Awards

Idealliance and Printing Industries Alliance have announced that David Q. McDowell will be honored with the second annual Franklin Luminaire Innovation Excellence Award and Michael Duggal will receive the 2017 Zenger Community Service Medal at the annual Franklin Luminaire Awards event at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers, New York, N.Y., on Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

As announced previously, Karen E. Krigsman of J.Crew Group, Inc.; Traci L. Lucien of AARP; and Joseph E. Schick, recently retired from Quad/Graphics, will also be honored during the evening as recipients of 2017 Franklin Luminaire Awards.

Innovation Excellence

 Introduced in 2016, the Franklin Luminaire Innovation Excellence Award is granted to a company or individual in visual communications and media that is pioneering, pacesetting, and advancing new technologies. The 2017 Innovation Award is being conferred on David Q. McDowell, retired Senior Technical Associate, Eastman Kodak Company, a graphic communications standards expert who provided broad technical support to Kodak product development activities during a 42-year career with the company.

Following retirement, he volunteered with NPES to further graphic arts standards and held leadership positions on the ISO Steering Committee for Image Technology, ANSI CGATS, and CIE Division 8. He was President of TAGA, an Honorary Member of the Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T), Standards Editor of the IS&T Newsletter, and Chairman of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO/TC 130 and the ICC Specification Editing Working Group.

“Throughout his career, both as an employee and a volunteer, David McDowell has exemplified the spirit of innovation that drives our industry forward,” says Meghan Milkowski, 2017 Luminaire Awards Co-Chair. “At the point in his life when most people retire and relax, he embarked on a new path of industry service as a leader of several industry technology and technical standards initiatives, giving generously of his time, energy, and expertise. He is a most deserving recipient of our 2017 Innovation Excellence Award.”

Community Service

The Zenger Community Service Medal is named for John Peter Zenger, a printer in Colonial America whose arrest, imprisonment, trial, and acquittal in 1735 laid the foundation for freedom of the press. The Medal honors a graphic communications professional who has demonstrated exceptional community service.

Recipient of this year’s Zenger Medal is Michael Duggal, Chief Executive Officer of Duggal Visual Solutions, Inc., which has a long record of commitment to community service and charitable causes ranging from the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation to the Fresh Air Fund, Veterans Administration hospitals, and National Holocaust museum.

Duggal expanded his company’s efforts by establishing Duggal Big Picture, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation dedicated to serving communities at the local level. It now conducts numerous charitable initiatives each year, such as providing a computer and software for a Newark, N.J., youth program, aiding a Nicaraguan primary school, helping adoption efforts in New York City, and supporting wellness and education programs for U.S. veterans.

“The Zenger Medal honors an industry professional or organization demonstrating exceptional community service,” says 2017 Luminaire Awards Co-Chair Steve Drew, “and exceptional is the perfect word to describe the years of generous support of and service to numerous community organizations, arts institutions, and charitable efforts by Michael Duggal and Duggal Visual Solutions. It is a pleasure and an honor to present him with the 2017 Zenger Medal.”

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