

## **BERYL WALLACE AWARD**

The Beryl Wallace Award was started in 1990 at the request by Steve Thomas who was serving as Chapter President. He directed the Awards Committee at that time (Marv Fischer, Gerry George, Dave Tyree, Ken Alley, and Bo Bowers) to start this new award named after Beryl Wallace to honor a chapter member for outstanding service.

The Awards Committee met numerous times throughout 1990 and developed the criteria for the award. The criteria will consist of a wall plaque and framed certificate. The Beryl Wallace Award will be presented, from time to time, to a member of the Colorado Chapter Inc. ICBO whose continuing service and achievements have contributed significantly to the code development, education and dedication of the Colorado Chapter goals and whose work firmly established an intensive direction toward improvements of the chapter.

The following is the wording that Steve Thomas used to present Dan Nickle with the first ever Beryl Wallace Award.

“Beryl was born March 16, 1904 in Sydney, New York. He worked through high school, and immediately after high school, in carpentry and other odd jobs. From 1922 to 1926 he was a contractor/builder in Middletown, New York. From 1926 to 1933 he went to work for the New York/O & W Rail road in Middletown, New York. In 1933 he went to work for the United States Department of Justice in the Federal Prisons in Lewisburg, PA. He was transferred to Colorado in 1940 where he went to work for the Federal Correctional Institution west of Denver and worked there until 1954. On May 6, 1954, he went to work for the City of Englewood as a building inspector for a salary of \$400 per month. On January 1, 1964, he was appointed Chief Building Inspector and remained on the job until his retirement on April 30, 1969. At that time he was earning a salary of \$840 per month.

Beryl Wallace was an early member of the Colorado Chapter of ICBO. He was First Vice President of the Chapter in 1965 and served as President in 1966. After his retirement he remained active, both on the national level and the Colorado Chapter of ICBO. He always attended the Chapter meetings, attending the National Annual Business Meetings, and was very active on the Natural Hazard Committee. He was initially involved in the preparation of the 1990 Annual Business Meeting in Denver. Because of his death, he was unable to follow through and see the ABM come about.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to have known him will always remember him as a very active person, one who had words of wisdom that you better heed because Beryl didn't often say things that weren't meaningful. Beryl always set standards very high for himself and as a result expected high standards from those around him. In his very unique way, Beryl would enable a person to achieve high standards without that person knowing he had a direct influence on that person. Beryl was very sensitive towards education in the construction field and always felt that a person that was involved in the inspection business, as we all are, should always strive to be well educated and more motivated to do a better job. He always held the Colorado Chapter in high esteem and set goals for the Chapter that were also very high. He worked hard to see

the Chapter achieve those goals. As a result of Beryl's influence on those of us that knew him, we wish to keep him in our memory with the presentation of this award called the "Beryl Wallace Award" to an individual who has strived to meet the same standards as Beryl had set forth for himself and the Chapter.

There are many members of the Chapter who have met challenges and who are worthy of such award. However, there are a few members that have gone that "extra mile" and have accomplished those extra things that it takes to make the Colorado Chapter what it is today. Our Chapter is known nationally for our education institute and for our active leadership in Code Development and Code Change.

It was not an easy task for the nomination committee to select the individual from the nominations that were presented to them. From the nominations, there is one person we felt stood above the average and clearly designated himself as a leader.

Tonight recipient of the Beryl Wallace Award has helped to raise this Chapter to the level that Beryl strived for and as a result, the Colorado Chapter stands high and prouder at the national level. This individual has been very much involved in education, both on the national level and on the State level, has given of his personal time and efforts to anyone who asked.

Dan Nickle"

Since then the following people have been presented with this unique and very special award:

Tom Thompson	1992
Peter Tyree	1993
Marv Fischer	1995
Gary Goodell	1996
Gerry George	1997
Jerry Wooldridge	1999
Wally Prebis	2001
Becky Baker	2003
Steve Thomas	2004
Greg Wheeler	2006
J.D. Potter	2007
Sam Dardano	2010
Dave Horras	2011
Tom Meyers	2012
Jim Thelen	2014
Dave Tyree	2017

All of the above Chapter members have been instrumental in keeping our Chapter moving forward and keeping with the mission statement that we strive to keep to. We should all be extremely grateful for their hard work and always tell them a big "thank you" for getting us to where we are now. We would not be where we are now without all of their efforts nor with the hard work and efforts of the members and directors from the earlier years.