

PRESTIGE AWARDS NOMINEES

Top People

CATEGORY: FORMULATOR

THOMAS CHOATE,
NANOVERE
TECHNOLOGIES LLC



Choate, president of Nanovere, is a nanocoating pioneer, having developed a single-component polyurea/polyurethane clear topcoat designed to bring oxidized coatings back to their original color and provide scratch, chemical, salt and UV resistance. Choate's signature coating uses 3D-nanostructured polymers to increase crosslink density, increasing the coating's hardness and resistance to wear and damage and extending the service life of the coatings under it.

JOHN KLOEPPER,
CARBOLINE COMPANY



Kloepper, technical director with the Carboline Company, was nominated for his extensive and successful career as a formulator as well as his involvement in SSPC, NACE and ASTM and his leadership throughout the industry. Kloepper is a patent-holder and has contributed to publications including Maintenance Coatings for Nuclear Power Plants—2nd Edition, compiled by ASTM Subcommittee D33.10 on Protective Coatings Maintenance Work for Power Generation Facilities. He has served on numerous advisory groups and committees, focusing especially on coatings for offshore and power-generation structures.

R. BALOJI NAIK,
NAVAL MATERIALS
RESEARCH LABORATORY
(INDIA DEFENCE
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
ORGANISATION)

Naik, a research scientist with the Naval Materials Research Lab in Mumbai, works on the development of organic coatings for marine applications, as well as paint failure analysis and paint inspection. He has developed nanocomposite and high-solids polyurethane coatings for marine use, taking part in the research and development of ma-



terials including a hyperbranched polyester polyol-based waterborne anticorrosive coating and coatings with silver nanoparticles for antimicrobial properties.

MARK SHAW, ULTRATECH
INTERNATIONAL

The founder and CEO of UltraTech International, a firm specializing in spill containment and environmental compliance whose products include omniphobic coatings, Shaw has more than 60 patents to his name, his nominator notes, and has given several TED talks on superhydrophobic technology. "When you spend any time with him, you realize that he is not just another CEO," his nominator says. UltraTech International is celebrating its 25th year in business in 2018.



ED TAYLOR,
CARBOLINE COMPANY



Taylor, lab manager for the Carboline Company's fireproofing division, has more than 30 years of experience in fireproofing technology and holds four patents for thermal insulation systems. His nominator notes that he is "an invaluable leader at Carboline, not just for his technical knowledge but also for his ability to teach and mentor the next generation of formulators." With work spanning structures from offshore oil and gas to commercial and architectural buildings, Taylor has been involved with ASTM, the International Code Council and NFPA.

CATEGORY: CONTRACTOR

MICHAEL GREENBLATT,
SURFACE TECHNOLOGY INC.



Greenblatt, founder and president of Surface Technology Inc., has more than 30 years of industry experience in industrial flooring, coating and lining solutions, and was instrumental in the development of the first SSPC standards for coating concrete. He is active in the International Concrete Repair Institute and NACE, and has led Surface Technology's operations as an installer of flooring and coatings since the company's founding in 1988.

JEFF GREENE, EVERGREENE
ARCHITECTURAL ARTS

Greene is chairman and founder of EverGreene Architectural Arts, a specialty contractor with a focus on the preservation and restoration of decorative interiors. Greene has worked on murals, ornamental plaster and decorative finishes in well-known buildings including the Empire State Building and the U.S. Capitol in his 40 years of service in the industry. "His passion for not just the history but the decorative and interior arts are contagious



to those around him and provide further incentive to continue to produce some of the best work in the nation," his nominator says.

DON THOMAS, THOMAS
INDUSTRIAL COATINGS

Thomas is owner and president of Missouri-based Thomas Industrial Coatings, which he founded in 1991 and which has grown into a major industrial coatings contractor that employs about 150 painters each year. Aside from simply growing his business, Thomas is devoted to safety, quality and productivity, the company's core values, according to his nominator. Thomas Industrial Coatings encourages professional development in its employees, supporting team members in achieving and maintaining certifi-



cations including SSPC CAS and NACE CIP inspector certifications. His nominator says Thomas is a servant leader who strives to help

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