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Scott Russell Recognized as MBMA's First Norman W. Rimmer Technical Leadership Award Recipient

CLEVELAND, OHIO – www.mbma.com: Scott Russell (Nucor Corporation) was presented with the first Norman W. Rimmer Technical Leadership Award in February 2017 by the [Metal Building Manufacturers Association](http://www.mbma.com) (MBMA). The award was presented to Russell in recognition of eight years of exemplary service as Technical Committee Chairman, and as an advocate of the spirit of discovery and sharing of knowledge within the metal building systems industry.

“Scott’s work with the Technical Committee has been exemplary,” notes W. Lee Shoemaker, Ph.D, PE, director of research and engineering for MBMA. “Under his leadership the committee’s work continues to set the standard of cooperation for the entire industry. He is a deserving recipient of the first Norman W. Rimmer Technical Leadership Award and an excellent example of the type of leader MBMA needs to remain a strong advocate for the metal building industry.”

Under Russell’s guidance, the MBMA Technical Committee recently finished work on several important research and design guide projects and is overseeing a number of ongoing activities. One important project involves the seismic behavior of metal buildings, primarily addressing height limitations that affect metal buildings in areas with high-seismic activity. Other research includes column-base rotational testing, rod-brace-to-web connection anchorage and jamb design for overhead vehicular access doors. New bolted end-plate connection configurations were also recently tested for inclusion in the new *AISC Design Guide 16*.

In 2016, MBMA published the *Guide for Inspecting Metal Building Systems*, while an update to MBMA’s *Seismic Design Guide for Metal Building Systems* is scheduled for completion in 2017. For more information on these and other MBMA projects, see MBMA’s [2016 Annual Report](#).

“I am truly honored to receive this recognition,” says Russell. “I am very humbled to be considered in the same conversation as past MBMA leaders like Norman W. Rimmer, as he established the tone and culture of sharing and cooperation that MBMA members still follow today.”

Norman W. Rimmer, who passed away in 2008, was a leader in the metal building industry for many years and was inducted into the Metal Construction Hall of Fame in 2014. As a committee member representing Butler Manufacturing Company, he attended the first meeting of the MBMA Technical Committee in 1957 and became the committee’s second chairman in 1962. He served in that role until 1971 and was widely acclaimed for establishing the culture of sharing engineering expertise for the benefit and growth of the metal building industry.

For more information about this award or the work of MBMA, please contact Dan Walker at mbma@mbma.com or 216.241.7333.

Founded in 1956, MBMA serves manufacturers and suppliers as it works to promote the metal building systems industry. For over 60 years, its membership has supplied high-quality buildings for use in commercial, retail, office, industrial, institutional and other end-uses. The association provides a wealth of useful information on its website, www.mbma.com, for anyone who works with or is interested in metal building systems. It includes technical materials and design guides.



Scott Russell, MBMA Technical Committee Chair

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