

**COLORADO CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE  
NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

**Gerry George, one of the Founding Fathers of the Chapter's Educational Institute in 1985, passed away last November, 2020. The Education Committee, Past President's, Board of Directors, and others discussed various ways to recognize Gerry's significant long-term commitment to the Colorado Chapter for 45+ years.**

**The Education Committee presented a proposal to the Board of Directors in August, 2021, to establish an annual scholarship to the Educational Institute in Gerry's name. The Board enthusiastically supported the idea and provided a budget for awarding a scholarship for the 2022 Educational Institute. A sub-committee of the Education Committee was formed which included Education Committee members, representatives from FMAC, CAPT, and CAPMO, our Past Presidents, and a Chapter Board liaison. This Institute Scholarship Program Committee (ISPC) was tasked with setting up the program, including eligibility, the application, and the selection process.**

**The ISPC presented it's work to the Board of Directors at their October meeting followed by its unveiling to the Chapter membership the following day. It was received enthusiastically!**

**GERRY'S SERVICE TO OUR INDUSTRY MEMORIALIZED**

**Since we have many newer Chapter members that may not be aware of Gerry's many contributions to the success of the Chapter over the years, a few of those activities are listed below.**

**Gerry was a valuable contributor over his long career in numerous Chapter Committees-Corporate Affairs/Bylaws, Awards, Education, Code Development, Education, Storage/Historical, ICBO/ICC ABM Planning Committees, and Past Presidents.**

**Gerry was awarded Honorary Memberships in the International Code Council, Colorado Chapter, and Colorado Association of Permit Technicians. He also was a frequent attendee at FMAC meetings over the years being an important liaison for the Chapter.**

**Gerry served as Chapter President in 1986.**

**Gerry was awarded the Beryl Wallace Award in 1997.**

**Gerry was elected and served two terms as a Director on the Board of the International Code Council.**

**Gerry served actively on code committees which were tasked with merging the legacy codes from ICBO, SBCC, and BOCA into the first edition of the 2000 ICC Building Codes.**

**Gerry volunteered his time and talents for many years to Chapter Give A Day work projects at Wilderness On Wheels near Grant, Colorado and the Girl Scout Ranch in Rye, Colorado.**

**As one of the founding fathers of the Educational Institute, Gerry was instrumental in ensuring that code officials in our state, and eventually all over the world, could always find a place to get quality education at a great price. Gerry knew that to keep costs down we had to rely on volunteers to keep the Institute going. Gerry volunteered so many hours to help set up and tear down the event as well as be there each and every day from sunup to sun down, making sure the equipment worked well, the instructors had what they needed, the other volunteers were taken care of, and by keeping smiles on the faces of all who were around him. He took part in every planning meeting, every packet stuffing event and was a part of almost every decision ever made for the Institute. While he is sorely missed, his name and work will live on through this scholarship.**