

Jim Hess Selected 2020 BX Cornerstone Award Recipient

A past board president of the Builders Exchange has been named the 2020 recipient of the association's Cornerstone Award.

Jim Hess, retired senior vice president at Messer Construction Co., was selected based on his leadership contributions to the community, the industry and the Exchange. Considered to be the highest honor presented in the central Ohio construction industry, the Cornerstone Award has been presented annually since 1954.



A BX member since 1991, Hess served on the board of directors for 10 years, and was president in 2010. He also served two years as a member on the BX Foundation Board of Directors. His involvement at the Exchange includes participation as a Craftsmanship Judge, Workers' Compensation Trustee, Scholarship Trustee and champion for the Rising Leaders Institute. In addition to his BX involvement, Hess has chaired or served in various capacities for many local charities and organizations, including the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Lincoln Theatre Association and the Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council to name just a few.

Hess was selected to receive the Cornerstone Award after an initial review by the BX Cornerstone Award Review Committee, and final confirmation by the BX board of directors. Members of the committee were Andrea Pruneau, chair, (Marker, Inc.), Charlie Egbert (Turner Construction Co.), John Igel (George J. Igel & Co., Inc.), Parr Peterson (Paul Peterson Co.), Ryan Sherman (Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP) and JK Williams (Kirk Williams Service Co.).

The Cornerstone Award will officially be presented at the 128th BX Annual Meeting.