



J. William Lloyd Award

This award is given to an individual or organization from outside the union for outstanding contributions to health, safety or environment. Bill Lloyd was an epidemiologist whose research established that coke oven work causes cancer. He followed up that research by working for the USW. He died from cancer caused by asbestos exposure during World War II.

2015

Wolfgang Zimmerman

Zimmerman is the founder and first president of the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences. Thirty-seven years ago, he was working as a logger in British Columbia, when a falling tree broke his back and left him confined to a wheelchair for life. Since then he has worked tirelessly to improve the treatment of disabled workers. Through his efforts, thousands of severely injured workers now have the right and ability to return to productive work. For the past decade, he has fought to establish a university devoted to occupational health and safety, and to effective humane disability management. The non-profit PCU-WHS was established by a unanimous vote of the British Columbia legislature, with construction money provided by Canadian government, on land donated by the City of Port Alberni. It is the first degree-granting institution dedicated to all aspects of workplace health sciences.

Garrett Brown

Brown's work in occupational safety and health has benefitted workers in the United States and around the world. He worked for 20 years as a dedicated and effective CalOSHA compliance officer and administrator, ultimately becoming a special assistant to the agency's head. Since 1993 he has served as the coordinator of the Maquiladora Health and Safety Support Network, which includes more than 400 occupational health and safety professionals in Canada, Mexico and the United States. The Network provides free information, technical assistance and Spanish-language trainings to Mexican workers in maquiladoras on the U.S. border and other workplaces in Mexico and Central America. In 2007 he led a multi-national team of occupational health professionals who performed health surveys with striking Los Mineros union miners in Cananea, Mexico. Most recently, he has worked in Bangladesh to help implement the 2014 Accord on Fire and Building Safety between global union federations, Bangladeshi unions, and major international clothing brands and retailers.

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2010	Jennifer Silk
2009	Tammy Miser
2007	Carolyn Merritt Dr. Fergal Nolan
2004	Alexa McDonough Byron Orton
2002	Marthe Kent Robert Mackenzie