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SEAA Presents Award to Retiring Jim Estep



On November 13, 2012, Steve Miller of Miller Safety, Phil Cordova of Alliance Rigging, and Jim Larson of Phoenix Steel Erectors attended a retirement luncheon for Jim Estep, an attorney for the Department of Labor during the SENRAC Negotiated Rule Making meetings and hearings.

Jim was instrumental in helping rewrite the OSHA standards, utilizing input from ironworkers, industry manufacturers, insurance representatives and the federal government. He aided the recognition of the Merit Shop contribution to the industry and, eventually, SEAA's having a voice in the very important developments that were to be adopted under SENRAC Subpart R, the new Steel Erection Standard. This was a significant change in that the trade workers and industry, who far better understand the nuances of our work and are in the most informed position as to developing safe work practices, had a voice in developing standards by which we are regulated.

Many SEAA members, past and present, contributed to these standards, and Jim Estep listened and helped write in the correct language, the wording for this important regulation.



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Even though, Jim contributed to many other safety standards, it was evident at the retirement luncheon that he not only learned about steel erection during the negotiation process but still fondly remembers many of the meeting sessions.

While many SENRAC contributors attended the luncheon, it is important to recognize that SEAA not only had a voice and members participating during the entire process, but even now is still a source for steel erection information, practices and recommendations, not only in the industry, but in the development of current and future regulations for our industry.