On June 24, the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) announced that Joseph Bodio, CEO and Founder of LAN-TEL Communications, Inc. was selected as the honoree of the Association’s 2020 Coggeshall Award. The award, established in 1956, is presented annually to a NECA electrical contractor who has made outstanding contributions to the industry in the Technical and Service field.

A past President, Governor and new Director of NECA Greater Boston Chapter, Bodio has dedicated much of his career to education and training. He was a founding member of the Boston Chapter’s Telecom Division, served on the Joint Conference Committee as a Trustee from 2010 to 2012, and was also as an active member of the Telecom Training subcommittee for six years.

“On the Training Committee, Joe was instrumental in the growth and enhancement of the Boston’s five-year JATC Telecommunications Apprenticeship Training Program,” said NECA Boston Senior Advisor and former Executive Manager, Glenn Kingsbury.

Bodio’s relationship with the Boston JATC telecom program began in the early 90’s when he, along with his lifelong friend and Local 103 member Paul Woods, assisted the administration with improving the newly founded telecom program. In the late 1990’s, Bodio was the instructor of the “Blueprints for Telecom,” course at the JATC, which has evolved to become the current “Systems Drawings & Specifications” course.

In 2007, he participated in the JATC Telecom Curriculum Review Committee, which brought updated and emerging technologies into the telecom curriculum. Concurrently, the Review Committee was instrumental in bringing state-of-the-art improvements to the JATC’s telecom shop areas.

In 2009, Joe’s helped establish the JATC’s Paul Woods Scholarship, which awards $500 annually to the outstanding telecom graduate.

Most recently, Bodio has provided his leadership and expertise to the Systems Integration Task Force, created during the 2019 collective bargaining process, which was founded to determine the role of a systems integrator, its place in the telecom industry, and job classification within the union.

Nationally, Joe currently serves on the NECA Management Development Committee as the Chapter’s representative for ELECTRI-International, an organization that funds, conducts, and monitors the electrical industry’s most vital research and delivers exemplary management education and supervisory training programs.

Learning of the award, JATC Greater Boston Training Director Chris Sherlock said, “Joe Bodio has been a consistent leader in the training of our apprentices for the last 30 years. His knowledge and vision for technology trends have helped keep the JATC telecom program training ahead of the curve.”

Sherlock added, “Joe has always put the JATC program, our apprentices and the telecom industry first. He is a true industry professional and it’s fitting that NECA has honored him with the Coggeshall Award for his outstanding contributions to the technical and training field. The JATC looks forward to our continued collaboration with him, in our mutual future, on the success of our training program.”

NECA Boston Chapter Manager Kristen Gwinn said, “In addition to his dedication to training and education, Joe has been a tireless advocate for updating and strengthening Massachusetts’ electrical and telecom system licensing laws to adapt to integration and include communications systems.”

Commenting on the award, Bodio said, “It is an honor to be recognized by NECA and my peers for what to me is the most important thing we can do in our industry and many others; that is, to help provide a great education and opportunities for dedication young professionals.” He added, “I’ve been fortunate to work closely with leaders at the JATC, NECA and IBEW Local 103 to try to ensure we leave the industry better than we found it.”

The Coggeshall Award will officially be presented during the NECA 2020 Convention and Trade Show, October 5 - 7 which will take place online, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

As President and CEO of LAN-TEL Communications, Bodio transformed the company into one of the leading structured cabling, security and technology companies in New England.

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NECA Boston Chapter and IBEW Local 103 Contribute to Boston Resiliency Fund

On June 2, 2020, NECA Boston Chapter proudly joined with IBEW Local 103 in making a $50,000 contribution to the Boston Resiliency Fund.

The Boston Resiliency Fund helps coordinate the fundraising efforts to provide essential services in support of City of Boston residents most affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

“Resiliency is needed in our city, now more than ever,” said Local 103 Business Manager Lou Antonellis. “Local 103 is proud to stand with our partners at NECA Boston in making this contribution to help our residents and critical care workers.”

NECA Boston Executive Manager Kristen Gowin said, “Together, NECA Boston and IBEW Local 103 are proud to support our city through food, technology and support for our first responders and health care workers.”

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