

Past Presidents

Charles E. Wells	Northwest Telephone	1915-1940
Dellman O. Hood	Columbia Utilities	1940-1948
Earl R. Dean	Oregon-Washington Telephone	1948-1950
Lowell E. Brown, Sr.	Inter Urban Telephone	1950-1952
Theodore J. Wells	Northwest Telephone	1952-1954
John H. Dillard	Nehalem Tel & Tel	1954-1956
Lambert D. Miller	Sunnyside Telephone	1956-1958
Lester E. Scott	Linn County Telephone	1958-1960
James W. Damon	Oregon Telephone	1960-1962
Lowell E. Brown, Jr.	Valley Telephone	1962-1964
George A. O'Mealy	Cal-Pac Telephone	1964-1965
Lyle E. Cross	West Coast Telephone	1965-1966
William Graeper	Aurora Telephone	1966-1968
Ivo A. Bauman	Mt. Angel Telephone	1968-1970
Duane L. Day	Cascade Utilities	1970-1972
Raymond R. Sheehan	General Telephone	1972-1973
Rodney D. Cummings	Pioneer Telephone	1973-1975
Wm Lee Dillard	Nehalem Tel & Tel	1975-1977
William A. Swain	Colton Telephone	1977-1978
James E. Sherar	General Telephone	1978-1980
Eugene L. Cole	Canby Telephone Association	1980-1981
George W. Pappani	Continental Telephone	1981-1983
Kenneth E. Sandner	Stayton Telephone	1983-1985
David D. King	United Telephone	1985-1986
Kenneth L. Haugen	Beaver Creek Cooperative	1986-1988
Jerry L. Vaughan	Contel of the Northwest	1988-1990
Thomas C. Bauman	Mt. Angel Telephone	1990-1992
Dick Petrone	US WEST	1992-1994
Dale Rongey	Colton Telephone	1994-1996
Bill Weinman	CenturyTel	1996-1998
Dorrene Benthin	Monitor Telephone	1998-1999
John Dillard	Monroe Telephone	1999-2000
Don Lawrence	Stayton Cooperative Telephone	2000-2001
Brenda Crosby	Cascade Utilities	2001-2002
Joe Madraso	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2002-2003
Gary Miller	Oregon Telephone	2003-2004
Mitchell Moore	Clear Creek Mutual Telephone	2004-2006
Nancy Judy	Embarq	2006-2007
John Hoffmann	Gervais Telephone	2007-2009
Gail Long	TDS Telecom	2009-2011
Nick Schneider	St. Paul Cooperative Telephone Assoc.	2011-2013
Joyce Nelsen	Roome Telecommunications, Inc.	2013-2015
Tom Barth	Scio Mutual Telephone Association	2015-2017
Renee Willer	DataVision Cooperative	2017-2019
Rusti Lattin	Eagle Telephone System, Inc.	2019-2021
Geri Fraijo	Monitor Cooperative Telephone	2021-2023
Jessica Epley	Ziplay Fiber	2023-2025
Paul Hauer	Beaver Creek Cooperative	2025-current

Outstanding Service Awards

Bill Swain	Colton Telephone	1974
Lester Scott	Telephone Utilities of Oregon	1975
John H. & Alice Dillard	Monroe Telephone	1976
Jim Bowlin	REA	1977
Jim Damon	Oregon Telephone Corporation	1978
Clancy Standridge	GTE Northwest, Inc.	1979
Ivo Bauman	Mt. Angel Telephone	1980
Perry Arana	GVNW, Inc./Management	1981
Earl Dean	United Telephone	1982
Larry Cole	Canby Telephone Association	1983
Floyd Day	Cascade Utilities	1984
Duane Cummings	Pioneer Telephone	1985
Ken Sandner	Stayton Telephone	1986
Wm. Lee Dillard	Nehalem Tel & Tel	1987
Vivian Roome	Roome Telecommunications	1988
Ken Haugen	Beaver Creek Telephone	1989
Terry Vann	United Telephone	1990
Chuck Peterson	PTI Communications	1991
Dale Rongey	Colton Telephone	1992
Dorrene Benthin	Monitor Telephone	1993
Thomas C. Bauman	Mt. Angel Telephone	1994
John T. Dillard	Monroe Telephone	1995
Mike Reding	US WEST	1996
Oren Floyd	Sprint	1997
Bob Smith	CenturyTel	1998
Gene Smith	Helix Telephone	1999
Dave Overstreet	GTE	1999
Gary Bauer	OTA	2000
Paul Keeler	Aldrich, Kilbride & Tatone	2002
Rich Ares	Canby Telephone Association	2003
Jim Smith	Helix Telephone Company	2004
Arliss Nicklaus	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Association	2005
Bob Milliken	Cascade Utilities, Inc.	2007
Joe Madraso	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2007
Gary Miller	Oregon Telephone Corporation	2007
Dena Clark	Canby Telcom	2008
Mitchell Moore	Clear Creek Telephone & TeleVision	2008
Gary Friberg	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2011
Richard Finnigan	Law Office of Richard A. Finnigan	2012
Ed Newcombe	Norcom NW Inc. (retired)	2012
Mark Beaudry	Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone	2013
Mike Hetzel	Unitel Insurance	2018
Marilyn Kendall	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2019
Maureen Comstock	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2021

President's Awards

John Hancock	GTE Northwest	1985
Hub Drescher	St. Paul Telephone	1985
Terry Vann	United Telephone	1986
Aida Van den Bos	PTI Communications	1987
Maurice Astley	Oregon Independent Telephone Association	1988
George Pappani	Continental Telephone	1989
Carol Tabor	Stayton Telephone	1990
Kay Lewelling	Molalla Telephone	1991
Wm. Lee Dillard	Nehalem Tel & Tel	1992
Thomas C. Bauman	Mt. Angel Telephone	1993
Gary E. Bauer	Oregon Independent Telephone Association	1994
Dick Petrone	US WEST	1995
Tom Fairfield	Sprint/North Supply	1996
Dorrene Benthin	Monitor Telephone	1997
Brian Coleman	Pacific Utility Equipment	1998
Mitchell Moore	Clear Creek Telephone	1999
Ginny Lang	US WEST	2000
Dorrene Benthin	Monitor Cooperative Telephone	2001
Mitchell Moore	Clear Creek Mutual Telephone	2002
Brant Wolf	Oregon Telecommunications Association	2003
Wayne Shipp	Norcom Agency	2004
Randy Morgan	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2005
Joe Madraso	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2006
Gary Miller	Oregon Telephone Corporation	2006
Bill Kiggins	Clear Creek Mutual Telephone	2007
Pat Lynch	Oregon Telecommunications Association	2008
Don Lawrence	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2009
John Hoffmann	Gervais Telephone / DataVision Cooperative	2012
Susan Allen	OTA	2018
James Rennard	GVNW Consulting, Inc.	2019
The Day Family	Cascade Utilities, Inc. dba Reliance Connects	2024
Mandy Jundt	Oregon Broadband Association	2025

Ray Hawkins Safety Employee of the Year Awards

Lyle Anderson	Cascade Utilities, Inc.	2002
Kerry Benthin	Mt. Angel Telephone	2003
Jason Dietz	Canby Telephone Association	2004
Scio Mutual Telephone Association		2005
Gib Branch	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2006
Oldcastle Precast - Utility Vault		2007
Canby Telcom		2008
...and Dena Clark & Christine Warren honorable mentions		2008
...and Jim Hinton honorable mentions	TDS Telecom	2008
Molalla Communications		2010
Dennis Townsend	CenturyLink	2010
Emil Nelson	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2011
Candae Knoll	CenturyLink	2012
Allen Baxter	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2014
Mike Hetzel	Unitel Insurance	2016
Erik Hoefler	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	2017
Kelli McAbee	Reliance Connects	2018
Sonja Tilton	Day Wireless/Reliance Connects	2021
Susan Allen	OTA	2022

Outside Plant Employee of the Year Awards

Lyle Anderson	Cascade Utilities, Inc.	2002
Kevin Pearson	Canby Telephone Association	2003
Gib Branch	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Association	2004
Todd Berning	Gervais Telephone	2005
Kerry Lawson	Clear Creek Mutual Telephone	2006
Clay Cohoe	Oregon Telephone Corporation	2007
Gary Friberg	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2008
Bruce Platt	Cascade Utilities, Inc.	2009
Sam Hough	Cascade Utilities, Inc. dba Reliance Connects	2010
Dave Kohls	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Association	2011
James Hinton	TDS Telecom	2012
Mark Miller	Scio Mutual Telephone Association	2013
Don McMillin	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2014
Jim Lamp	Hunter Communications	2015
Don Adamson	Cascade Utilities, Inc. dba Reliance Connects	2016
Ron Stenger	DirectLink	2018
Gary Vick	Pioneer Connect	2019
Bruce Lanham	SCTC	2022
Vince Emge	Pioneer Connect	2023
Bill Randall	Cascade Utilities, Inc. dba Reliance Connects	2024

OTA Honorary Members

Perry Arana	GVNW Management	1997
Ivo Bauman	Mt Angel Telephone Company	1997
Jim Bowlin	Nehalem Telephone & Telegraph	1997
Cal Culbertson	Peoples Telephone Company	1997
Duane Cummings	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	1997
Alice Dillard	Monroe Telephone Company	1997
John H. Dillard	Monroe Telephone Company	1997
Hub Drescher	St. Paul Cooperative Telephone Association	1997
John Hancock	General Telephone Company of the NW	1997
Walter Karnopp	Eastern Oregon Telephone Company	1997
David King	United Telephone Company of the NW	1997
Kay Lewelling	Molalla Cooperative Telephone Company	1997
George Pappani	Continental Telephone Company of the NW	1997
Ken Sandner	Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company	1997
Al Shaver	Molalla Cooperative Telephone Company	1997
Aida Van den Bos	PTI Communications	1997
Jerry Vaughn	Contel of the NW	1997
Myrtle Dean	Colton Telephone Company	1998
Richard Denton	Molalla Communications	1998
Dennis Dunn	Citizens Communications	1998
Oren Floyd	Sprint Northwest	1998
Bob Lattin	Eagle Telephone Systems	1998
Chuck Lenard	US WEST Communications	1998
Bill Luce	GTE Northwest	1998
Dale Rongey	Colton Telephone Company	1998
Jackie Sande	Clear Creek Mutual Telephone Company	1998
Dave Tunnell	People's Telephone Company	1998
Gary Wilhelms	US WEST Communications	1998
Leonard Wright	North-State Telephone Company	1998
Pat Hickey	AT&T	1999
Robert Hollis	Robert Hollis & Associates	1999
Ken Miller	AT&T	1999
Mike Mine	GTE Northwest	1999
Larry Cole	Canby Telephone Association	1999
Betty Smith	Helix Telephone Company	1999
Gene Smith	Helix Telephone Company	1999
Jim Stringer	GVNW Management	1999
Bonnie Kimmel	Gervais Telephone Company	2000
Art Geier	Mt Angel Telephone Company	2000
Gary E. Bauer	OTA	2000
Clancy Standridge	Verizon	2001
Robert Shelton	Scio Mutual Telephone Association	2002
Bill Weinman	CenturyTel	2002
Bruce Shaull	Sprint	2002
Fred Logan	Verizon	2002
James Damon	Oregon Telephone Corp.	2003
Richard Petrone	Molalla Communications	2003
Tom Fairfield	Sprint North Supply	2004
Rich Ares	Canby Telephone Association	2004
Lee & Vicky Dillard	Nehalem Telephone & Telegraph	2005
Bill Berray	TDS Telecom	2006
Glenn Harris	Sprint	2006
Joe Madraso	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2007

OTA Honorary Members (continued)

Gary Miller	Oregon Telephone Corporation	2007
Nancy Judy	Embarq	2007
Tom Linstrom	Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone	2008
Tom Bauman	Mt. Angel Telephone	2008
Keith Galitz	Canby Telcom/Mt. Angel Telephone	2013
Greg Shimek	Power & Telephone Supply	2013
Jerry Schlacter	Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	2015
John Hoffmann	Gervais Telephone / DataVision Cooperative	2016
Mitchell Moore	Clear Creek Communications	2019
Curt Thornton	Stayton Cooperative Telephone	2021
Mike Whalen	Pioneer Connect	2021