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Sphere 1 Celebrates 20 Years and Announces 2018 Award Winners

Marco Island, FL. (May 24, 2019) More than 1,000 guests across the country celebrated another record-breaking year at the 20th Anniversary Sphere 1 Annual Meeting 2019 at the JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort in Florida.

With stunning ocean views of the Gulf of Mexico during every event, this year's meeting was packed with great content from the Member and Breakout Meetings, a fun and relaxed Opening Party and productive Table Top Meetings that created a high energy, positive atmosphere.

The culmination of the four-day event ended with the Awards Dinner. Sphere 1 celebrated their 2018 Member and Preferred Supplier Winners, who danced their way up on stage, honored George Morgan, who served as a Board of Director for 11 years with four years as Board Chairman, and gave a special tribute to former President & CEO of Sphere 1, Carol Shackelford, who founded Sphere 1 and dedicated 20 years of extraordinary service to the Cooperative.

"I am excited to share that this year's meeting was a huge success," says Rob Moe, current President & CEO of Sphere 1. "Members and Preferred Suppliers came off of a record 2018 and celebrated significant achievements together. Sphere 1 has had the pleasure of honoring so many outstanding winners, in addition to thanking Carol Shackelford and George Morgan for their faithful service to our cooperative. In such a competitive field, Sphere 1 has been blazing a trail of partnership, prosperity and community in this ever-changing landscape of the construction distribution, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of this organization. Congratulations to Sphere 1 Members and Preferred Suppliers on a wonderful 20 years. We're just getting started!"

Member and Supplier of the Year Awards

The Member and Supplier of the Year Awards are Sphere 1's most prestigious awards, based on the overall score on Sphere 1's annual support card. Out of 110 Preferred Suppliers, 153 Distributors Members with 796 locations and six criteria that are critical to the success of the cooperative, the 2018 Member and Supplier of the Year Awards were presented to:

Preferred Supplier of the Year Awards for excellent service and a quality program to the Sphere 1 Membership:

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- Mi-T-M Corporation - Opal Echelon
- Diamond Products Limited - Ruby Echelon
- Freud America - Sapphire Echelon
- Milwaukee Tool Corporation - Emerald Echelon

Member of the Year Awards for demonstrating excellence in collaboration and growth within the cooperative:

- Midway Rentals and Sales - Opal Echelon
- Construction Tool & Supply - Ruby Echelon
- Connective Systems & Supply - Sapphire Echelon
- L.W. Meyer Inc. - Emerald Echelon

Additional 2018 Award Winners were presented to the following:

Preferred Brand of the Year for top sales achievement by brand.

- Metabo HPT

Gateway for Growth Awards for highest performance within our platform.

Members

- Midway Rentals and Sales - Opal Echelon
- Nationwide Tools & Supplies - Ruby Echelon
- Connective Systems & Supply - Sapphire Echelon
- ProFast Supply (a Hahn Systems Company) - Emerald Echelon

Suppliers

- DRILTEC - Opal Echelon
- M.K. Morse - Ruby Echelon
- Freud America - Sapphire Echelon
- Milwaukee Tool Corporation - Emerald Echelon

Sphere 1 University Awards for outstanding training programs and course completions.

Member

- The Tool Nut (Highest Course Completions by Location Average)

Suppliers

- CEP – Construction Electrical Products - Opal Echelon
- ICP Building Solutions Group - Ruby Echelon
- ITW CCNA - Sapphire Echelon
- DeWALT Industrial Tool Group - Emerald Echelon

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Overall Volume

Members

- SouthernCarlson (Overall)
- Jobsite Supply (by Location Average)

Suppliers

- Magnolia Brush - Opal Echelon
- Stabila - Ruby Echelon
- WernerCo - Sapphire Echelon
- DeWALT Industrial Tool Group - Emerald Echelon

Largest Percentage in Growth

Members

- Brownco Manufacturing and Sales – Opal Echelon
- Momentum Rental and Sales Inc – Ruby Echelon
- Structural Materials – Sapphire Echelon
- Tomarco Contractor Specialties – Emerald Echelon

Suppliers

- Henkel Corporation – OSI Sealants – Opal Echelon
- Vulcan Threaded Products – Ruby Echelon
- PHD Manufacturing – Sapphire Echelon
- Spotnails – Emerald Echelon

Member Supporting the Most Preferred Suppliers

- Pioneer Fasteners & Tools Inc.

Moves Management Award

- SouthernCarlson

20th Anniversary Cooperator Award

- Erik Wilson, Freud America, Inc

Partnership Awards

- Colleen Good & Kathy Hageman, Colleen Good's Tax & Accounting
- Barb & Joe Drochak, Rhino Group LLC

Board Member Service Award

- George Morgan, SouthernCarlson, 2008 - 2019

Outstanding Achievement Award

- Carol Shackelford, Sphere 1, 1998 - 2018

Sphere 1 will host their 21st Annual Meeting on May 11-14, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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About Sphere 1

Sphere 1 is a cooperative of tool, fastener, and concrete accessory distributors, working together to achieve competitive and sustainable advantages in our marketplace. By partnering with preferred suppliers, we provide our members with enhanced vendor programs, superior education and innovative practices. While fostering community among our peers, we are committed to integrity, honesty and respect in all that we do. For more information, contact Sharon Bounvongxay at 949-932-3600 or visit www.sphere1.coop

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