

# Additive Manufacturing Users Group Recognizes Excellence



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JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 18, 2013 — The Additive Manufacturing Users Group (AMUG) today announced recipients of awards for excellence, service and technical skill. The awards were presented at the 25th annual users group conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

During the annual Awards Banquet, the association named the winners of the 2013 Technical Competition. This competition recognizes excellence in additive manufacturing applications and skill in finishing additive manufacturing parts. A panel of industry veterans selected Carl Dekker, president of Met-L-Flo, as the winner for both categories. Carl's entry was a prototype shifter assembly that used multiple additive manufacturing technologies. Runner ups included Danice Chou, Biomedical Modeling Inc., Joe Holland, Christie Digital Systems/Hyphen, and Steve Kossett, Northern Lights Technology Center.

Another event highlight was the presentations of five DINO (Distinguished INnovator Operator) Awards, which recognize industry veterans with exceptional skills that in turn contribute back to the additive manufacturing industry. The newly named dinosaurs are:

- Terry Hoppe, Stratasys
- Paul Bordner, Laser Reproductions
- Chuck Alexander, Solid Concepts
- Brian Bauman, Linked In 3d
- Todd Grimm, T. A. Grimm & Associates

Gary Rabinovitz, outgoing president, said, "Without question, this is one of the most prestigious awards in the additive manufacturing industry. While there were many deserving candidates among the hundreds of highly skilled, seasoned veterans that attended the conference, these five men best represent what the DINO Award is all about: excellence and service."

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Gary Rabinovitz (right) presents the Technical Competition Award to Carl Dekker.

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DINO Awards presented to five AMUG members.

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## About Additive Manufacturing Users Group (AMUG):

AMUG is an organization that educates and advances the uses and applications of additive manufacturing technologies. AMUG members include all commercial additive manufacturing technologies for companies such as Stratasys, 3D Systems, Concept Laser, SLM Solutions, EOS, and Renishaw. AMUG meets annually to provide a forum for technical presentations on processes and new technologies. This information addresses operation of additive manufacturing equipment and the applications that use the parts they make. Find AMUG online at [www.am-ug.com](http://www.am-ug.com).

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