Pinnacle Award

Mike Boyd, president of Ray Boyd Plaster & Drywall, Inc., an AWCI Lifetime Member located in Garland, Texas, won this year’s Pinnacle Award, AWCI’s most prestigious honor.

A Pinnacle Award winner is recognized for giving unselfishly of his time and energies to benefit AWCI and the industry. Not only are the candidates evaluated on their dedication to the industry, but on their civic and community work and the excellence of their companies.

In addition to serving as AWCI’s 1991-1992 president, Boyd has served on numerous AWCI committees, many times as chairman. Boyd is currently the vice chairman of AWCI’s EIFS Curriculum and Examinations Committee. He has been instrumental in developing AWCI’s highly successful EIFS education and certificate program.

Boyd is an active member of the Texas Lathing & Plastering Contractors Association and the EIFS Industry Members Association. He’s also chairman of the committee that is helping to develop a distant learning project for the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education Department that the TLPCA began offering to architects throughout the nation this spring.

Ray Boyd Plaster & Drywall, Inc., was started by Mike’s parents in 1947 as the Ray Boyd Plaster and Tile Company. Mike and his brother grew up around construction. They helped out on job-sites when they were youngsters and as tradesmen every summer from the time they were 11 years old.

In 1969, Boyd graduated from Texas A&M University with a major in architectural construction, and he immediately went to work for the family business.

In 1973, Ray started delegating more responsibilities to his eldest son. At that time, the company was doing approximately $1.5 million in business annually in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

In 1975, brother Pat joined the company.

The two Boyd brothers and a longtime employee of the company formed a management company in 1980—Ray Boyd Construction Systems.

It remained that way until Ray and Velma Boyd passed away. In 1996, the company’s name was changed Ray Boyd Plaster and Drywall.

Around the same time, Boyd took the lead in forming an EIFS manufacturing company called Texas EIFS.

Texas EIFS is a co-op of plastering contractors in Texas. The idea was that the contractors in Texas knew what was best for their industry, and they felt they could manufacture a material, market it and stand behind it; it allows them to manage quality control.

Today, Texas EIFS has 28 stockholders and continues to be on the grow, with Mike as its president. Primarily in Texas, it has expanded to Louisiana, New Mexico and Washington.

When he’s not doing contracting work, Boyd is an avid calf-roper who has performed at nationally ranked events, including the Southwestern Exposition and Rodeo.