



NATIONAL RENDERERS ASSOCIATION

Recipients of the “Don Franco Distinguished Service Award”

This award was established in 2015

2018 John Dupps, President

The Dupps Company

John Dupps’ dedication and innovation in rendering can be seen in his long-standing commitment to research on solving industry problems and opening new markets. Under John’s leadership, the Dupps Company provided equipment for compliance with European standards for a low-temperature process. When the BSE crisis hit, John led The Dupps Company in providing solutions that complied with often unclear and changing regulations worldwide to safely handle rendered material. John has given generously of his wisdom and resources to both the National Renderers Association and the rendering industry.

2017 Carl Wintzer, Vice President

G.A. Wintzer & Son Company

Carl Wintzer was a hero to many in the U.S. rendering industry for his wisdom, love of rendering and inspiration. Teamwork was Carl’s “operating system” and he understood how a well-coached team on the field or in their company would succeed and a poorly-coached one would fail. Carl served as chairman of the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation and contributed his leadership skills to the National Renderers Association for many years. His technical knowledge and mentoring provided great benefit to the entire rendering industry. Carl passed away unexpectedly in 2017.

2016 James M. Andreoli, CEO and Chairman of the Board

Baker Commodities Inc.

Jim Andreoli, Sr. is recognized as a champion in the U.S. rendering industry. During his career, he has contributed significant time and expertise to help solve industry challenges and improve operations. His hallmarks are his hard work, dedication, honesty, and care for his employees and their families. Jim has been an industry innovator in rendering production, logistics and marketing, including jointly developing the first continuous rendering system with Keith Engineering that is used today.

2015 Dr. Fred Bisplinghoff (retired)

“Dr. Fred” contributed immensely to the advancement of the rendering industry after a distinguished career in government and agriculture. Under his leadership of the National Renderers Association, the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation and the Animal Protein Producers Industry Committee, important scientific and technical advancements were accomplished to benefit renderers in the U.S. and Canada.