HATS 2018 Professional of the Year Awards

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The Greater Huntsville Section participated in the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) 2018 Professional of the Year (POY) Awards dinner on June 21 at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

All societies belonging to HATS were eligible to nominate individuals in the POY, Young Professional of the Year (YPOY) and Society of the Year (SOY) categories. Thirteen societies submitted nominations this year.

As a member of HATS, the section nominated Young Professional Mark Becnel in the YPOY category and Senior Member Tony Miller for POY. The Greater Huntsville Section, winner of the 2017 SOY Award, was again nominated for SOY.

All nominees were recognized with plaques as the POY or YPOY for their respective organizations.

One person was selected as the overall HATS YPOY and POY, aka, the Joseph Moquin Award. Lisa McCollum from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was selected as the overall



Mark Becnel, right, receives the Young Professional of the Year Award for AIAA from Torch Technologies.

HATS YPOY. Susan Land from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers was selected to receive the 2018 Moquin Award. Women in Defense was the 2018 SOY.



Alison Rhen presents Tony Miller with Professional of the Year Award for AIAA with former chair and nominator Ken Philippart.

The Greater Huntsville Section congratulates all winners and also thanks Nishanth Goli for organizing the section's participation in the awards dinner.