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ECIA Announces 2018 Distinguished Service Award Winners

Atlanta, GA - ECIA is pleased to present the 2018 Distinguished Service Awards to seven members who have made significant contributions to the association by sharing their time and energy. The 2018 honorees embody the spirit of giving back and have gone above and beyond their day jobs in the service of the association and the industry. They make it a point to get involved in association committees and on the board of directors. They work to develop standards, improve programs, and set direction that benefits the industry and makes our association relevant and world class. With this award we acknowledge these leaders and express our gratitude for their work on our behalf. Steve Jobs said that "Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people." We are indebted to these honorees for their dedication and efforts to advance the industry and ECIA.

ECIA thanks the following 2018 Distinguished Service Award winners for all their hard work:

Larry Buckley, 3M has served on the ECIA Foundation Board since 2011, moving from vice president to president in 2014. He has been instrumental in promoting ECIA's involvement in FIRST Robotics.

Another Foundation Board member, **Austin Cheney from Eastern Illinois University**, has been instrumental in giving ECIA a university perspective on issues of recruiting and broadening the industry's focus in those important endeavors. Austin has also worked on the EDS Project Host program.

A valued member of the ECIA Board since 2016, **Rich Davis of WPG Americas** has been instrumental in getting WPG more actively involved in the association and been a true advocate.

Steven Fisher of PEI Genesis has served on the ECIA Executive Board since 2015 and acted as Executive Conference Chair for two years in 2014 and 2015.

Scott Jones, AEM Group began his ECIA service on the Foundation Board in 2014, and then moved to the ECIA Executive Board in 2015. He will now serve on the newly created Independent Manufacturers Rep Council.

Gerry Newman, began his electronics industry career in the 70's with EDS, which was then known as "The May Parts Show" and later "NewCom". Gerry served many roles in EDS and its predecessors for over 40 years, including Executive Vice President.

The last recipient, **Jay Smith of Future Electronics** has focused his 25 years of ECIA service on what used to be the Supply Chain Council and is now the Global Industry Practices Committee.

About ECIA

The Electronic Components Industry Association (ECIA) is made up of the leading electronic component manufacturers, their manufacturer representatives and authorized distributors. ECIA members share a common goal of promoting and improving the business environment for the authorized sale of electronic components. Comprised of a broad array of leaders and professionals representing all phases of the electronics components supply chain, ECIA is where business optimization, product authentication and industry advocacy come together. ECIA members develop industry guidelines and technical standards, as well as generate critical business intelligence. For more information, visit www.ecianow.org or call 678-393-9990.