Results of the 2013 SIM Chapter Leaders of the Year Award

The SIM Leader of the Year Award recognizes members who contributed to the growth, advancement, and excellence of SIM at the local, national and/or international levels. In addition, the award provides a vehicle for SIM to highlight member service in our local and broader communities.

We are grateful to the all the nominees for their significant contributions, which serve as wonderful examples of the fabulous work that occurs throughout our membership. We thank all the nominators for their submissions. Most of the nominees were exceptionally strong!

We also want to thank the six judges, who represented a cross section of the country: Scot Berkey, Chicago; John Cole, Dallas-Fort Worth; Kevin More, Boston; Sandi Phillips, Southern California; Jeff Skulsky, Fairfield Westchester; and Jeff Stovall, Charlotte Region. (Judges did not score a candidate from their home chapter).

This year, the judges felt it especially difficult to choose a winner, but in a carefully governed and objective scoring process, six finalists stood out. This year’s SIM Chapter Leaders of the Year are John Phillips of the Chicago Chapter and Bob Rouse of the St. Louis Chapter. Four finalists were commended for their contributions to SIM and will be receiving a glass award: Andrew Jackson of Dallas-Fort Worth, Terry Janis of Houston, Keri Pearlson of Austin Area, and Mike Szot of New Jersey.

Congratulations to the 2013 SIM Chapter Leaders of the Year!

John Phillips, Senior Vice President and CIO at Briggs Healthcare, was nominated by his colleagues in Chicago for being an inspirational leader to everyone. John first joined SIM in 1997 as a member of the Dallas Fort Worth, where he served in various capacities on their Board and committees. In 2007, he transferred to Chicago where he joined the Chicago chapter. John is credited for transforming the Chicago chapter into THE desired organization in Chicago, bringing awareness of SIM to the Chicago community. He initiated and developed many programs, partnerships, events, and membership and marketing techniques. During his tenure as President in 2008, he created a 5-year vision of transformation and saw it through to success. John’s nomination had 3 full pages of testimonials from colleagues and each one was incredibly detailed and positive.

Long time SIM member Bob Rouse has been Professor Emeritus, Computer Science at Washington University in St. Louis for nearly 40 years. Bob has motivated and inspired so many in his 32 years of service with SIM and has served in over 20 roles on the local and national level. He has dedicated himself to promoting the benefits of SIM tirelessly in the St. Louis area as well as on a national level. Bob spends much of his time meeting with local CIOs to bring awareness to SIM. Bob is a founder of the St. Louis Regional Leadership Forum where he is currently a Director and Facilitator. He has grown the local Forum from 150 to over 230 participants and has recruited and developed five new facilitators. Throughout the country, countless IT leaders can attribute successes to Bob’s guidance, mentorship and leadership.

John and Bob will be honored at SIMposium on Monday, November 11th during lunch.