



ASD Honors Doug Everhart with Prestigious Steel Man of the Year Award

By Nathan Davis, staff writer

Doug Everhart, president of Greenpoint Metals Inc., Franklin, Ohio, and 25-year steel industry veteran, was named the 2009 Steel Man of the Year by the Association of Steel Distributors (ASD). The annual award is ASD's highest honor.

"Doug Everhart is truly a gentle giant in the steel industry," ASD Executive Director Ron Pietrzak said. "Doug is the kind of guy that everyone comes to know and respect. He is a professional in every sense of the word and is very deserving of the honor."

ASD created the Steel Man of the Year award in 1956 to recognize individuals who have made lasting contributions to the industry over a significant period of time. Winners exemplify leadership, dedication, service and excellence in the steel industry.

Everhart's journey with ASD began in 1985 when Tony Sinatra, president of Tomsin Steel, Carnegie, Pa., told Everhart to look into ASD as a means of transitioning from a mill-sales background to the distribution side of the steel industry. Everhart said he began attending meetings and developing a network of customers, contacts, suppliers and, more importantly, friends. Everhart officially joined ASD the following year.

Everhart was active in ASD from the start and was an advocate for the association. After joining Miami Valley Steel in 1991, he recommended ASD to Miami Valley Steel President Brian Williamson.

"To grow Miami Valley's business, ASD would be an important vehicle for getting our name out to the industry," Everhart said. "Brian supported ASD wholeheartedly and encouraged my participation in all ASD activities, including my election to the board of directors in 1996."

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As a member of the board, Everhart chaired two annual and several regional meetings and secured speakers and industry support for the association. Everhart said that he and several other board members were successful in reestablishing mill relationships and membership in ASD during this period.

Everhart's devotion and passion for the steel industry continued and so did his ascent within the ASD leadership. In 2005, he was nominated to serve as executive vice president. A year later, he was elected to president.

During his period of influence, Everhart concentrated on growing the membership more than 20 percent and began the development of the ASD's Web site.

"Doug is one who always can be counted on when needed," said Thomas N. Smith, Sr., ASD immediate past president. "This was shown during tenure as ASD president. His dedication, integrity and loyalty stand out at all times."

Everhart has been an active participant in ASD while employed by five different companies. Each company benefited from the sharing of information, supply and sale of products and market intelligence available through ASD's network and member benefits.

"Without the friendship, council and cooperation of fellow ASD members, I would not have been able to achieve the levels of success in my career that I have." Everhart said.

Everhart said he was honored to serve ASD and is very proud to be honored in return. He is more than deserving and without a doubt the ideal candidate for Steel Man of the Year award.

"I would hope my receiving of this award would be an inspiration to all members to be involved, participate and strive for contributing to the ASD's success," Everhart said. "It will bring you rewards beyond your wildest imagination. Taking is an easy thing to do but giving of one's time and effort requires dedication and fortitude."

Everhart said he is thankful and will forever treasure ASD.