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Subject: Encomium: Carl J. Rosenberg, FASA for the C. Paul Boner Medal.

The Paul Boner Award is presented to an individual in the acoustical consulting community who “embodies the qualities of the late C. Paul Boner – teacher, scientist, administrator, technician – and who has made outstanding contributions to the science of acoustics.”

It is a profound honor to recognize Carl J. Rosenberg, FASA, whose career has come to embody the qualities so deeply admired in this profession: teacher, scientist, administrator, and technician. Over more than four decades, Carl has offered our acoustical consulting community the benefit of his remarkable expertise, the generosity of his spirit, the steadiness of his judgment, and the enduring example of a life devoted to meaningful work.

Carl’s consulting accomplishments are extraordinary in their breadth and influence, through more than a thousand projects in the United States and abroad. He has helped shape office buildings, performing arts venues, museums, schools, worship spaces, residences, transportation facilities, and many other environments where the quality of sound strongly affects the quality of life. His work has always joined imagination to practicality; his recommendations are known for their clarity, precision, and lasting usefulness in the built world, as well as for their technical rigor. Carl has long exemplified both the scientist’s disciplined understanding and the technician’s gift for turning knowledge into results that people can truly hear and feel.

Carl’s influence extends well beyond his projects. As a teacher, he has helped to shape a generation of architects, engineers, and acousticians through more than 25 years at MIT and additional teaching at Princeton, Washington University in St. Louis, Harvard, and Cornell. He makes complex ideas clear, memorable, and useful, and many who encountered acoustics for the first time in Carl’s classroom—or across a project table—came away not only better informed but inspired. For students, clients, and younger colleagues alike, Carl has never simply explained acoustics; he has opened a door into the field and invited others to proceed through it with confidence.

Carl has also served this profession with distinction as an administrator and leader. He guided the architectural acoustics division at Bolt Beranek and Newman, and later led Acentech as President, Director of Architectural Acoustics, and Chairman of the Board, helping shape it into the internationally respected firm it is today. He helped to direct advances in computational modeling, auralization, sound masking, and related technologies. But what colleagues remember just as vividly is the manner of his leadership: thoughtful, inclusive, principled, and humane.

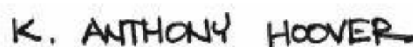
Again and again, those who worked with Carl describe not only his excellence, but his kindness. He has mentored scores of younger consultants, created opportunities for others to lead, and shared knowledge with a generosity that has strengthened the profession far beyond his own work. He has been described as a role model, a consensus builder, a guide from the side, and even the conscience of his firm. He lifts people up, and in doing so, he leaves institutions, colleagues, and our profession better than he found them.

Carl's contributions to the broader science of acoustics are equally distinguished. Through decades of service to the Acoustical Society of America, leadership of the Newman Student Award Fund and the Acoustical Society Foundation, review of patents for the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, authorship in *Architectural Graphic Standards*, and presentations and organizing work for major technical meetings and institutes, he has helped advance both knowledge and practice in lasting ways. His career reflects a sustained and deeply felt commitment to the growth of the field and to the people who will carry it forward.

Carl J. Rosenberg exemplifies the best in acoustical consulting: a teacher who guided so many professionals, a scientist who deepened the field's knowledge, an administrator who led with vision and principle, and a technician whose work has improved so many spaces and experiences. Through his consulting, teaching, writing, leadership, and mentorship, he has made outstanding contributions to the science and practice of acoustics. It is with personal admiration, gratitude, and affection that we honor Carl with the C. Paul Boner Award.



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