## Alex Azodi, P.E., Named New Hampshire's 2015 Engineer of the Year



CONCORD – Alex Azodi, P.E., has been selected by a jury of his peers from New Hampshire's Joint Engineering Societies as the 2015 New Hampshire Engineer of the Year. This distinguished award will be presented to Alex on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the annual Engineers' Week Awards and Celebration banquet at the SERESC Center in Bedford, NH. The Structural Engineers of New Hampshire (SENH) nominated Alex based on his long record of service to the profession and community service.

Alex attended California State University at Fresno and graduated with a B.S.C.E. Degree in 1984. He then attended the University of California

at Berkeley and graduated with an M.S.C.E. Degree in 1985. His professional career began in San Diego, California where he worked for six years. This was followed by four years in Washington state before moving to New Hampshire where he has practiced structural engineering ever since. In 2004 he founded Omega Structural Engineers, PLLC in Newbury, New Hampshire which he leads with an insightful understanding of structural design elements to support and enhance architectural design, coordinating human resources and innovative solutions for even the most complex projects.

Alex has given back to the profession throughout his career by actively participating in and leading engineering groups. As a member of SENH he worked with the Special Inspections Committee to develop an informational guide for building officials to explain special inspections when they were first introduced. He later was elected to the SENH Board of Directors and served a number of roles including President of the group from 2008-2009. His service to SENH continues as the groups' representative to the Code Advisory Committee of the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations. This subcommittee is heavily focused on the general engineering issues of the *International Building code* and also the engineering issues relating to the *International Family 1 & 2 Residential Code* (IRC) publication, which is a prescriptive code for use of "conventional" construction requirements in the design of low-rise one and two-family residential buildings. He also serves as the SENH representative to the American Society of Civil Engineers, Structural Engineering Institute. On the state level, in 2013 Alex was appointed to the State of New Hampshire Board of Professional Engineers.

As a resident of Newbury, NH, Alex has given his time to the community in a number of ways. He has served as an Alternate for the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 2004. He also helps the town when needed by providing pro bono structural engineering services and advice on town buildings and structures. In addition, Alex has served as a soccer coach for the Bradford Newbury Youth Sports Athletics Program.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Alex has been a devoted husband to his wife Susan for over 32 years. Together they raised two sons who share their father's love of learning.

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