

Construction Innovation Forum Founding Directors

The Construction Innovation Forum started in 1986 as a grass-roots effort to tell good news about construction by recognizing and encouraging construction innovation worldwide. The first Innovation Celebration Banquet in March 1989 announced the NOVA Award and issued the first call for nominations, due September 1, 1989.



The first NOVA Awards were presented in March 1990 to three construction innovations that had major impact on the world. The CIF and NOVA Award efforts were led by the original officers until they stepped down this year after initiating strategic planning and reorganization of CIF.

Founding Chair Roger W. Lane, with the steady support of [DTE Energy](#), established a vision for construction innovation and recruited enthusiasts and funds that built CIF. Founding NOVA Award Chair and CIF Vice-Chair Dr. Robert I. Carr, P.E., created the NOVA Award's unique process and with colleagues at the [University of Michigan](#) established its foundation in research integrity. Founding Executive Committee Chair David L. Hamilton has been a strong leader in all activities, particularly in establishing CIF's financial and professional integrity. Founding Secretary John A. Doherty led wherever need was great, including Jury formation, public relations, event direction, fund raising, and sponsor recruiting.