

## Acceptance speech for AGMA Lifetime Achievement Award- Indianapolis Sept. 21, 2009

I wish to express my gratitude for the Lifetime Achievement Award. I'm not sure I deserve such recognition. Nonetheless, it is a very great honor, and I appreciate it very much.

I am deeply indebted to my partner Jane Muller for all my achievements. Her perseverance and insight has guided us through difficult times, and her sense of humor brightens my every day.

The AGMA Wind Turbine Committee is a great achievement, and I'm fortunate to have participated in its creation. It was, in fact, the brainchild of a gang of five that included:

- Myself
- Ed Hahlbeck
- Brian McNiff
- Jane Muller
- Walt Musial

The success of the WT Committee was largely due to the efforts of the Chairman, Brent Reardon, the Vice Chairperson, Jane Muller, and a large membership from many different disciplines.

In closing, I would like to say something to the younger people in the audience who are pursuing a career as a professional engineer. I believe the following guidelines will help you achieve self-awareness and self-esteem.

### They can be summarized as 4 basic tenets

- 1- Seek truth through science
- 2- Speak the truth or remain silent
- 3- Question authority; especially the powerful who suppress science or distort the truth
- 3- Share the truth with any student who wants to learn

Thank you.

