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Jew a worthy choice for achievement award

Congratulations to Jonathan Jew, winner of this year's Harry J. Pfister Award for Excellence in the Telecommunications Industry. That's essentially a 'lifetime achievement award' given annually by the industry's educational association, BICSI. The association honored Jew and several others with awards on Wednesday night, January 20 as part of its annual awards banquet in Orlando, FL.

Unfortunately for me I was on my way home, somewhere between Orlando and New Hampshire and most likely tens of thousands of feet in the air, at the time Jew received his award that night. I'm remiss that I didn't shake his hand and congratulate him personally.

Here's what BICSI had to say about him when it announced him as the award winner. "Jew has devoted countless hours of volunteer time, effort, and expertise that have resulted in immeasurable benefits to BICSI members and ITS professionals globally. He has been a subject matter expert contributor to numerous BICSI manuals and has acted as a co-chair, vice-chair, editor, and a project lead on many standards and working groups."

From a professional standpoint I can echo BICSI's praise of, and appreciation for, Jonathan Jew and his selfless efforts. *Cabling Installation & Maintenance* has benefitted from articles he has either written or been quoted in on such topics as the [TIA-942 data center standard](#), The [TIA/EIA-606](#) series of labeling and administration standards, and other data center issues such as [humidity and electrostatic discharge](#).

From a personal standpoint, I can't overstate my appreciation for how willing Jew has been to contribute his time and expertise to these articles and other information products. Recently, he made a presentation during a [webcast on TIA standards](#). He nonchalantly told me he would put his presentation together while he was on his way to an ISO standards meeting in China. I smacked my forehead in appreciative awe; Jonathan Jew went about his business as usual.

Jonathan Jew is one of many individuals who travel the country and the world constructing standards that govern the design, installation, and maintenance practices for structured cabling systems. But one thing that separates him from so many of his standards-making colleagues is that he is not employed by a manufacturer that sells



The Cabling Blog

by Patrick McLaughlin & Matt Vincent

Patrick McLaughlin, chief editor of *Cabling Installation & Maintenance*, has covered the cabling industry for 12 years. Reading this blog, you may be surprised to discover how little he has learned in that time. He encourages everyone to use the comments section to set him straight on the opinions he voices in The Cabling Blog.

Matt Vincent is senior editor of *Cabling Installation & Maintenance*. A perpetual student of the cabling industry, he has more questions than answers...and welcomes your feedback!

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