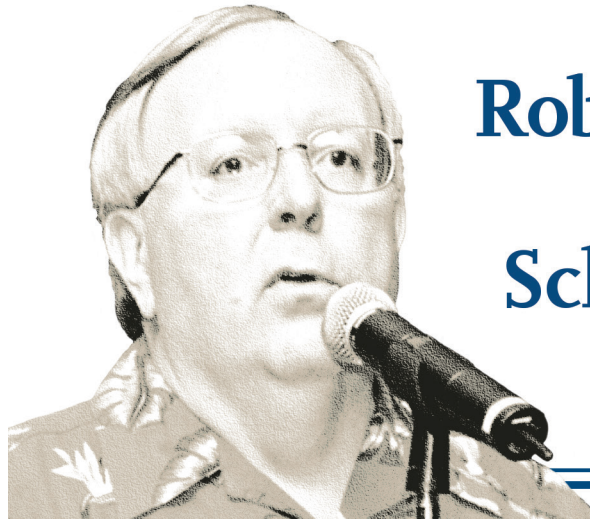




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Robert “Bob” Lyons Scholarship Fund

RCI, Inc. has been fortunate in that it has an aligned philanthropic organization to conduct meaningful research, as well as provide educational opportunities for current and future RCI members. Over the course of the past few years, the RCI Foundation has been proud to sponsor qualified college students to attend RCI's Annual Convention and Trade Show, providing future building envelope consultants fellowship, educational seminars, and networking with others in their chosen profession. Perhaps the most exciting news that I have received from the Foundation of late is the success of the Robert W. Lyons Scholarship Fund.

In 2016, RCI lost its founder and a cherished friend and mentor to countless others, in the passing of Robert “Bob” Lyons. In tribute to his memory, the RCI Foundation, Inc. established the Robert W. Lyons Scholarship Fund. This fund will offer two worthy undergraduate students a one-time \$5,000 scholarship each, providing financial assistance for their education in specified construction-related fields of study. These scholarships will be awarded each year, in perpetuity, as long as funding will allow.

Through the generosity of its donors, the RCI Foundation is proud to announce that at the end of 2016, just under \$40,000 had been raised for the Robert W. Lyons Scholarship Fund.

Recently, I was informed of an inspiring act of solidarity that I believe merits note. The Western Canada Chapter held RCI's on-site Metal Roofing course, organized and facilitated by Pierre-Michel Busque. Noting that there were no available subject matter experts in the vicinity, RCI members Brian

Gardiner and Charlie Smith—both from Texas—volunteered their time and effort to teach the course, having adapted the existing course to fit the regional needs of the Western Canada Chapter. In a gesture of thanks, the chapter initially offered an honorarium from the proceeds of the event for their time and effort. In lieu of this gesture, both Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Smith asked that a donation to the Robert W. Lyons Scholarship Fund be made, in turn lending their efforts to bolstering the next generation of building envelope professionals. This collective show of generosity was not only the first donation of the new year, but catapulted the new fund over the \$40,000 milestone.

The RCI Foundation is rolling “full steam” in developing specified criteria that each scholarship applicant must meet in order to qualify for consideration. We look forward to seeing the first round of scholarships awarded during the 2018 calendar year.

The Robert W. Lyons Scholarship is now a permanent fund within the RCI Foundation fund family. If you would like to join us in the pursuit of enabling tomorrow's building envelope professionals in achieving their career dreams, please log on to the RCI Foundation website at www.rcifoundation.org. Then click on the “Donate” tab, specifying the fund to which you would like your gift attributed. Alternatively, you may simply send your donation to the address below, noting “Robert W. Lyons Scholarship” in the memo field...or simply “Bob Lyons,” as we all knew him.

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