

STEWARD OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

In 1993, LELS union steward Lou Jeska was killed in a car accident while on duty in the City of Eagan. The LELS Board of Directors instituted an annual award in memory of Lou Jeska and his service and dedication to union issues. The award is presented each year at our annual meeting to a union steward or elected union officer who best exemplifies the traits Lou Jeska displayed. Lou was a conscientious steward who insisted answers from management should make sense, not only in the immediate circumstances but also in the future. Working on a problem, Lou would involve others members of the bargaining unit to make sure his analysis and solution was correct. He placed the best interest of the local and its membership first and foremost. He focused on objectivity, not personalities, when investigation issues and concerns of the membership. He was tenacious, and insisted an officer's due process rights were honored. Lou was always direct in his approach and displayed an honest concern for the membership of his local.

The LELS Board is accepting nominations for the Lou Jeska Annual Steward ward. The recipient will receive a plaque, and a check for one year's union dues. To be eligible, a steward or elected local officers must be nominated by their local unit by a vote of the membership. The local should submit the name of the steward or elected officer, along with a letter explaining the accomplishments and tasks which exemplify the traits identified above. The nomination letter must be received at the LELS office no later than May 12, 2006. The Board of Directors will review the nominations, and award its selection at the annual meeting on June 10, 2006. Current LELS Board members are not eligible for the award. Stewards selected in one year are ineligible for the award the following year.