

Acceptance of ACVB Seymour Award

I'd first like to thank the ACVB for recognizing the amount of work that goes into organizing conferences that involve people from around the world. Although everyone at the ACVB has been great to work with, Helen Thomas, specifically, has provided the necessary support, advice, and free meals to make me want to continue volunteering my time. Other people that have been extremely helpful for the conferences include Lessie Kincaid of the Hilton, ACVB, and Hilton again, Phyllis Rice of the Denaina and Egan Centers, and all of the staff at the Hilton, Egan, and Denaina Centers.

I was honored back in October with the Meeting Champion award, and at that time I was appreciative that all of the hard work and countless hours I have dedicated to making IEEE conferences successful in Anchorage were acknowledged. With receiving the Seymour Award, I am further grateful that I am being recognized for work that I considered to just be part of my job as a professor and a member of a professional organization. Even if I hadn't received this award and the free meal that goes along with it, I would still look forward to bringing many more conferences to Anchorage and continuing to work with the great staff at the hotels, conference centers, tourism companies, and of course, the ACVB.