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Organization Development Network Recognizes 2014 Industry Honorees
Awards to be presented at the OD Network 2014 Annual Conference in Philadelphia

CHICAGO—The Organization Development Network (“OD Network”) has announced its 2014 award recipients, honored for their contributions to the OD field. The award program has been recognizing organization development thought leaders and professionals who have driven progress within the professional community since 1999.

“We’re thrilled to share our 2014 honorees with the world,” said Laura Rudzinski, Executive Director of OD Network. “This year’s recipient class is truly something special and encompasses a body of work worthy of sharing.”

Each award will be presented at a ceremony to be held during the OD Network 2014 Annual Conference on Monday, October 27 in Philadelphia, Pa. To register for the conference and read more about this year’s recipients, visit www.ODNetwork.org.

2014 Honorees:

Lifetime Achievement Award | Judith Katz, Ed.D., Fred Nader

Judith Katz, Ed.D. is the Executive Vice President of The Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group, Inc., and globally recognized as a leader in strategic change to advance high performing inclusive organizations. Judith's impact comes from her role, not just as a stellar consultant, but as an exemplar of values and courage in action and the power of her voice and presence related to ideals of social justice and inclusive organizations.

Fred Nader is an external OD consultant and executive coach, working especially with senior leaders in complex organizations. Fred has been a long time member of the OD Network, attending many of its conferences over the years and contributing to many of its committees. His previous work with American Management Systems was pivotal in greatly expanding the management and leadership capacity of the organization during a crucial period of growth and expansion, including the creation of its training institute.

Service to the OD Network Award | Denise Easton

Denise Easton has led the OD Network into the new world of digital, technology-supported learning and development. She worked tirelessly to introduce new possibilities that have allowed OD Network members to participate in conferences remotely, learn from master practitioners in webinars and explore the field through a comprehensive eCourse.

Outstanding Regional Network Award | Philadelphia Region

The Philadelphia Region Organization Development Network (PRODN) has had a successful, if varied, history as a professional community for OD and change practitioners in the Philadelphia region, this year’s annual conference home. After languishing in recent years, a group of PRODN alumni along with newer practitioners and students came together to form a steering committee with a commitment to revive PRODN in a way that would be sustainable. The steering committee knew that to succeed, there had to be new approaches to engaging members, that the value of membership had to be clear, and that membership had to be re-defined to be more inclusive of other professions invested in supporting change and leadership in organizations and communities in the Philadelphia region.

Organizational Excellence in OD Award | Dov Seidman, LRN

As the OD Network celebrates its 50th anniversary it recognizes LRN (Dov Seidman, Founder and CEO), for helping companies shape their ethics and compliance behavior and thrive by inspiring principled performance. LRN describes their work as “helping bold leaders create more human organizations.” LRN helps companies translate principled behavior into economic value through their values based approach to achieving ethical and successful organizations.

Communicating OD Knowledge Award | Edward Lawler

Edward E. Lawler III is a Distinguished Professor of Business and Director of the Center for Effective Organizations at the University of Southern California. He has been honored as a major contributor to theory, research and practice in the fields of human resources management, compensation, organizational development, corporate governance, and organizational effectiveness — with over 350 articles and 45 books published.

Sharing the Wealth Award | Marv Weisbord & Sandra Janoff’s Future Search Network

Marv and Sandra created Future Search, a voluntary, non-profit service network, to help people collaborate despite differences of culture, class, gender, age, race, ethnicity, language and education. The method has been employed in communities, schools, hospitals, churches, corporations, government agencies, foundations and NGOs.

Special Recognition | Jay Galbraith

Jay R. Galbraith transformed the field of organization design and was the creator of the highly influential Star Model of organization development. In honor of his recent passing, on April 8, 2014 at the age of 75, the OD Network will recognize Galbraith this fall and his special contributions to the field.

Outstanding Article in *OD Practitioner*

“Edging Toward the Center: An Opportunity to Align Our Values, Our Practices, and the Purpose of Our Work,” Matt Minahan and Peter Norlin, Vol. 45, Issue 4 (p. 2).

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About the Organization Development Network

The Organization Development Network is an international, professional association whose members are committed to practicing organization development intentionally and rigorously as an applied behavioral science. Guided by clearly-articulated core values, principles of practice, and ethical standards, the OD Network is committed to advancing the theory and practice of organization development by cultivating and serving those who aspire to effective, successful OD practice, and by representing the field of OD by promoting more visibility, credibility, and influence for its members. We offer an integrated portfolio of targeted resources, professional and community development experiences, and networking opportunities for our members, who come from all 50 states of the United States, Canada, Mexico and around the world. For more information about the OD Network, please visit: <http://www.odnetwork.org/>.