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John Jenkins Award



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In recognition of exceptional leadership, advocacy, strategic direction, and significant contributions to the development of standards for energy efficiency, cybersecurity, and electric vehicles



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During his three decades of service as a CSA Group member, Toby Lau has been a tireless advocate for standards-based solutions. Toby's ongoing efforts and exceptional leadership across various levels of the standards development system and with community stakeholders have contributed to the development of key standards and supported the use and reference of CSA standards in voluntary and regulatory programs, both nationally and internationally.

Toby has demonstrated, time and again, the ability to successfully navigate challenging and controversial topics to achieve consensus solutions and build relationships needed to achieve results. His efforts and dedication resulted in truly ground-breaking work in establishing methods for making energy modeling readily available and cost-effective for a broad cross-section of building owners and designers.

Years of unwavering commitment to national and international committees and initiatives have culminated in Toby skillfully leveraging relationships built on trust and collaboration. His leadership provided strategic direction and insights for the Steering Committee for Energy Efficiency and Renewables (SCOPEER) which has been instrumental in the expansion and strategic growth of the CSA Energy Efficiency Program.

Toby's efforts have greatly contributed to changing the standards landscape as he has championed the development of a new series of Benchmark Energy Factor standards and supported the establishment of new committees to help expand the scope of CSA's program. He has also served as an invaluable technical advisor for many CSA research projects.

Toby has proven to be an incredibly effective advocate for CSA standards with Canadian provincial and federal regulators and utilities. His efforts have supported energy-related codes and standards increasingly being referenced by building codes across Canada, as well as in the United States, to establish mandatory energy efficiency in buildings. He has worked closely with various regulators advocating for the adoption of the highest level of energy efficiency requirements. These efforts and contributions over many years have led to increased harmonization of standards between Canada and the United States, fostered adoption of newer, more energy-efficient products, and will assist in meeting carbon reduction and other sustainability goals.

For his long-standing and unwavering commitment to the development and advocacy of standards-based solutions and his exceptional leadership within the standards community, Toby Lau is the recipient of the CSA Group 2023 John Jenkins Award. Toby Lau currently services as Codes and Standards Principle with BC Hydro in Vancouver, British Columbia.