

## Chuck Hawley Lifetime Achievement Award, Presented by John Shively

Over the course of this individual's 50-year career in Alaska he has made numerous contributions to the Alaskan mining and exploration industry, as well as mentoring and helping to advance the careers of many young geologists working in the state today.

In 1985, still early in his career, he was one of the original founders of a prominent exploration company, and to this day he is still actively working as their president. The longevity of the company is a testament to his tenacity and drive, as the company has weathered numerous lows and highs over the last 40 years.



Arguably the biggest feather in his cap is leading the discovery team for the Donlin Creek Deposit in 1989; this discovery led to him receiving the Thayer Lindsley Award in 2009. His efforts at Donlin were instrumental in advancing the project to its current stage, as well as starting a foundation for strong cooperation with the underlying landowners – Calista Corporation and the Kuskokwim Corporation.

After his time at Donlin, the lure of exploring large mineralized systems in Southwestern Alaska continued to tug at him. From 2005 up to the present-day he worked with a variety of native corporations, and other companies to explore for large copper-gold porphyry systems. Most notably from 2005-2016, in conjunction with his business partner Bill Ellis, he worked with clients to delineate gold rich base metal systems on land under their control. This spell of experience dovetailed into the efforts on the Groundhog project, north of Pebble, which he continues today.

Always one to keep a finger on the pulse of industry trends and recognize the importance of mineral resources outside of precious and base metals, he has spent the last four years consulting for Graphite One; assisting with conceptual targeting for ongoing exploration and supporting the efforts to complete their preliminary feasibility study.

One of his five nominators said, “His legacy is cemented by the contributions of the hundreds of mining industry workers he and his company have mentored over the decades. I can state unequivocally that he is the best mentor I have ever met and my life is significantly better for the opportunity. That tradition and care can be traced back to similar mentorship he received from the namesake of this award, Chuck Hawley himself. Pillars of industry are built, not simply born, and he has done his part to pay forward and promulgate that care and knowledge.

Please help me congratulate Rob Retherford for his Chuck Hawley Lifetime Achievement Award.