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Former Secretary to be honored for service to Seismological Society of America Litehiser served two decades as Secretary of Society

SAN FRANCISCO – Throughout his more than three decades in seismology, Joe J. Litehiser has been an invaluable contributor to the advancement and stewardship of the Seismological Society of America.

Litehiser, who served as Secretary of the SSA from March 1987 to April 2007, the second longest tenure in an officer position in the organization's history, will be honored at the group's annual meeting with an award for Distinguished Service to the SSA.

As Secretary, Litehiser used a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of the Society's by-laws to help 14 presidents guide the Society, and often offered practical compromises during lively debates at board meetings. During his tenure as secretary, Litehiser served on the Executive Committee and on the Budget Committee. Litehiser also helped usher SSA into the Internet age while serving on the Executive Committee.

In his professional career, Litehiser has been with the Bechtel Corporation for more three decades, providing valuable expertise in seismology, earthquake design criteria and geophysics. During his time at Bechtel, he has developed a reputation for applying theoretical concepts to engineering uses to reduce earthquake risk. During his time at Bechtel, Litehiser has developed, defined and reviewed seismic design criteria and earthquake parameters for more than 700 projects.

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