Frank Rausche, PhD, D.GE, GE, M.ASCE, founder of GRL Engineers, Inc., president for many years, and currently a principal and consultant to Pile Dynamics, Inc., was conferred the title of Diplomate, Geotechnical Engineering by the Academy of Geo-Professionals.

The Academy of Geo-Professionals was founded in October 2008 by the members of the Geo-Institute to provide advanced certification to geotechnical engineers. An engineer becomes a Diplomate through achieving advanced experience, licensure, and education. Rausche’s certification was conferred during a ceremony at the 2013 Geo-Congress in San Diego, CA in March.

Garland Likins, PE, president of Pile Dynamics, Inc. is the winner of this year’s Robert B. Cummings Distinguished Leadership Award from the Cleveland Technical Societies Council (CTSC).

CTSC was founded in 1942 and represents 21 area professional societies and organizations that serve the scientific, technical, engineering, and education professions in Northeast Ohio. The Robert B. Cummings Distinguished Leadership Award is bestowed annually upon an individual who is or has been closely associated with engineering or technical work, and who has contributed greatly to the advancement and welfare of the engineering or technical professions. The individual must have achieved true and lasting prominence over a period of years, and must also have shown community spirit and leadership in worthy non-professional activities.