



January 28, 2025

## Achievement Awards

The Minnesota Chapter of NARI nominates Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award.

Jerry Ziemiecki, owner of J3 Renovation & Design, was president of the Minnesota chapter from December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2024. He served one year on the board before being elected as President-Elect. Prior to serving on the board, he was on the Program & Education Committee for three years. In addition, he has won multiple CotY awards.

J3 Renovation & Design joined NARI at the end of December, 2017. Since that time Jerry has spent time learning everything he can about NARI and the Minnesota Chapter.

He is being nominated for the following three reasons:

1. Dedication to the elevation of the industry through his professional organization.
2. Engagement with all areas and members and staff locally and nationally.
3. Spokesperson for the organization

Jerry brought many talents to his role as President of the Minnesota Chapter: Eagle Scout, troop leader, race car driver, DJ, roller skating aficionado, and owner of a growing remodeling company. Each of these roles supported him as he brought enthusiasm and dedication to his role.

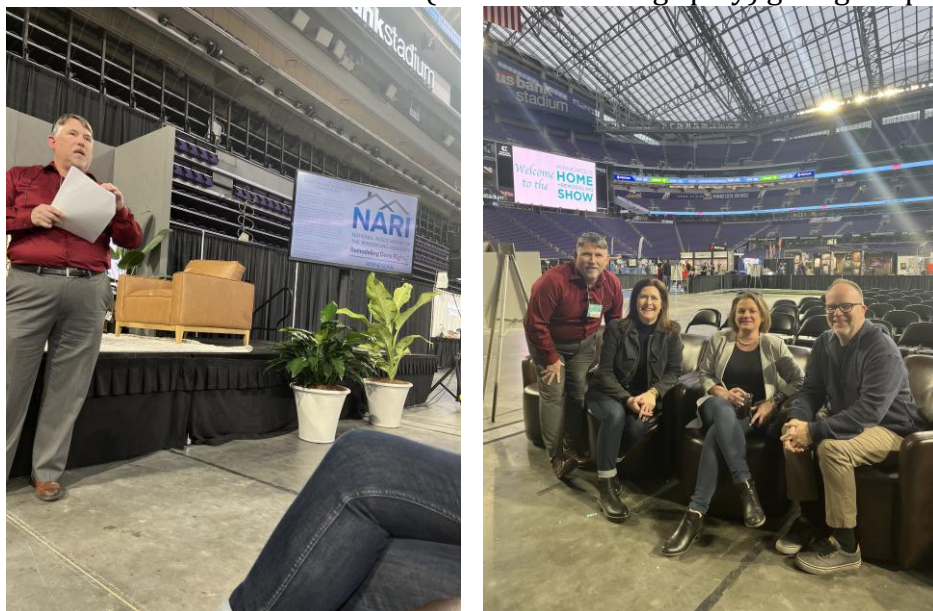
The three areas we have chosen are indicative of “demonstrating outstanding leadership capability in the broad range of service to the chapter.” Following, please find examples of these three characteristics.

Immediately after the examples are letters in support of his nomination.

### **Dedication to the elevation of the industry.**

In January of 2024, the local Home+Remodeling show happened in Minneapolis. At that time Jerry had been President of the local chapter for just over one month – 6 weeks. He contacted the event host (MarketPlace Events) and asked to have a speaking engagement during the event. They said yes. Jerry developed his 30-minute presentation, created a slide deck, and presented to a decent sized crowd at the event. He gave the presentation two times over the course of the show.

Here he is in US Bank Stadium (where the Vikings play) giving his presentation:



The second photo is of NARI members in attendance.

After this presentation during a Presidents Call with presidents from around the country, the National President and National staff on the call Jerry asked about standardized presentations for the chapter presidents. This idea is in motion and Jerry has shared his material with National in support of assisting other presidents.

In addition to the Home+Remodeling Show he has appeared at other home shows around the Twin Cities metro area talking about the need of homeowners to hire a qualified remodeler for “Remodeling Done Right™.”



Jerry was one of the 8-NARI contractors that worked on the large Pillsbury project. Here he is outside the home, getting ready to give a tour to the president-elect and executive director,



The sign behind the threesome says this project is in collaboration with NARI and the NARI contractors with their logos. The image on the right is Jerry in part of the home that he worked on. His participation began as one area and ended up including multiple other areas. He and his staff took on extra rooms/areas to get the home ready for the ASID tour in July of 2024.

Several times during the year he presents “Ask The Expert,” at a local showroom. Members of the public are invited to come and ask questions and learn about how to hire and work with a contractor.

At the April Annual Conference he was delighted to help on the Industry Partner panel.

Lastly, at one of the networking events the number of attendees was low due to some scheduling conflicts. Jerry jumped in and created a video reel that we were able to share to our social channels – providing value to the host-member.

## Engagement with all areas and members

In October, 2022, (his first year on the board) the MN Board of Directors met for its monthly meeting. Jerry was enjoying some time off in Paris, France. He was on a boat in the middle of the Seine. It was late at night in Paris. He may have been sampling the local beverage of choice. He dialed in to the Zoom to say hello. It was amazing. He was in good spirits and gave us a view of his location.

Because he called in, the board then had quorum and could conduct business.

He stayed on the call for the full two hours while the board continued to conduct the business of the chapter. Included in that month's agenda was the presentation of the board slate for consideration by the membership. His attendance was vital to the chapter.

In 2023, during the retreat that he led as incoming president he instituted "Phone A Friend!" We had a list of members and their contact information. Several times during the day-long retreat, during a break, he asked the board members to call a member, introduce themselves. He created a slide deck for the call as well. This is the image,

## Phone a friend

Good morning/afternoon I am (insert your name here) with NARI-MN and (insert your company here) and I am reaching out today from our annual board retreat to say thank you for being a NARI-MN member and to see what you would like to see from the association.



Most of the calls were answered and the response from the membership was very positive. We even had a lapsed member rejoin!



### **Spokesperson for the organization**

Jerry spoke at all three of our new member orientations in 2024. He was the first presenter, enthusiastically welcoming the new members and sharing his NARI-story.

Here he is presenting at the spring orientation,



You can see him leaning into the new members, actively engaging and sharing the NARI story.

While the president-elect and the executive director were attending the NARI National leadership session in July, Jerry was tasked with oversight of the golf outing. Here he is making sure the raffle funds were handled appropriately,



Jerry's work as a DJ ensured that he was a natural as the spokesperson. His first time out as the president speaking to the members was at a networking event with over 100 people at Cambria. He brought his A game!



It is for these reasons and many more that the MN Chapter nominates Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award.

Next find letters in support of his nomination.



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January 29, 2025

RE: Chapter President Award

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Mr. Jerry Ziemiecki for the 2025 NARI Chapter President Award.

I am the 2025 President of NARI-MN and have seen firsthand how Jerry has led this organization over his term as President. During 2024, I was in the role of President-elect and was able to learn directly and indirectly from Jerry in his role as President. His leadership during some challenging times for the organization was certainly welcomed by the Board of Directors. His energy and positive attitude are infectious to those around him.

As I lead the organization during 2025, I often think of how Jerry handles himself during meetings, events, and interactions with members. He certainly was/is a role model to anyone on the Board or within NARI-MN.

Sincerely,



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To: NARI National Awards  
From: Your Name/Company  
Date: January 28, 2025

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

This letter of appreciation is for Jerry Ziemiecki for his work as President of the Minnesota Chapter of NARI. I know Jerry through our mutual membership in NARI of Minnesota. We first met during our time on the NARI board of directors.

I was the Vice President of the Board and as I was looking for the right person to follow me as VP and then to the Presidency I was drawn to his passion for his business, the remodeling industry and for the NARI organization. The more I spent time with Jerry the more I saw him as a natural leader, get it done guy with an engaging personality. His growth as a member, committee member, board member and president is exemplified by his ability to engage members and lead the growth of NARI.

Thank you for considering Jerry for this well-deserved award.

Will Haack  
Director of Operations  
Gordon James

Nari of Minnesota President 2023





C/O Beatrice Owen  
NARI Minnesota

1.30.25

NARI National Awards

Reid Sellgren / Custom One Renovation

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

Dear Committee,

I would appreciate your support for Jerry Ziemiecki of the Minnesota Chapter for the NARI Chapter President Award. I have known Jerry and his supportive leadership style for four years. His tireless backing of all our committees, including my 2024 Chair of the RotY Committee and successful Awards Gala, is a force to recon with.

I know Jerry has moved through the ranks and even as 2024 President, I'm certain he will continue to support the chapter in any way that we need him. He's the first guy to help unpack boxes, take the time to explain expectations of a new board position to you, and bring decorum to a hot meeting topic.

As all of us do, at Custom One Renovation I have a full schedule with work to keep the lights on. Jerry has made the duality of volunteering and work less daunting, through his ability to stay organized, guidance and humor.

I've worked with him on the board for 2 years. Jerry is committed to supporting me on the Nominating Committee and President Elect position. I believe during a Zoom call yesterday, I was able to audibly understand a faint 'yes' when asked him to commit to staying involved for at least two more years! Thank you, Jerry.

Best regards,

Reid Sellgren, General Manager - CR - Custom One Renovation



To: NARI National Awards

From: Chris Schmitz/ProSource Wholesale

1/29/2025

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

This letter of appreciation is for Jerry Ziemiecki for his work as President of the Minnesota Chapter of NARI. I know Jerry through my work as a supplier to his company as well as a board member on the NARI MN Board. I have known him for nine years. We first met in setting up a strategic partnership between contractors needing cabinet installation and Jerry looking to grow his business. His growth as a member, committee member, board member and president are exemplified by his passion for other people, to grow the industry and assist others in being the best contractors they can be.

Here at ProSource Wholesale we have found working with him to be easy due to his attention to detail and professionalism. Many of the staff recognize and comment on his dedication, attention, and quality of work.

I've worked with him on the board for one year. In that time, I witnessed him inspire others to get involved. This ensured that the board worked collaboratively, successfully, and positively toward growth.



Chris Schmitz- Member Service Manager

Prosource Wholesale



To: NARI National Awards

From: MN Fine Homes & Remodeling – via Amber Ellison

Date: 1/29/2025

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

This letter of appreciation is for Jerry Ziemiecki for his work as President of the Minnesota Chapter of NARI.

Jerry and I have known each other for just about 5 years. I first met Jerry and some of this team at a NARI MN event. They were a newer member, and seemed to jump right into the action! Since, we have grown a professional relationship, and well as a strong friendship I could not live without.

Jerry's personality was so inviting to get to know him instantly.

Growing with Jerry, we have shared so many different tools of the trade. I love to be able to share ideas, ask questions, trade secrets, learn, and teach with him.

I was honored to be able to serve on the Board of Directors with Jerry, and even stayed on my last year on the board to stay on for Jerry as President. I wouldn't have had it any other way, than to see his skills and passion for the association and be right there by his side for it.

His actions exemplify what our association stands for, between the social and community aspects as well as the commitments and confidence he has in our chapter. He never stops trying to bring in more ideas and better each day. Jerry holds a positive attitude when it comes to any situation, no matter how hard things may get. There is always an "upside" to things and his passion and professionalism for the trade and the association shines through him.

No matter the needs of anything else, Jerry would set aside things to make sure the association was prepared for everything coming it's way. He would bring in help whenever needed, and always seemed to be able to come up with an answer, or create a task force and group to tackle it together.

Always a part of the team, and standing right by the side of the committees and board, even before President, and now after as well.





I cannot imagine the association without Jerry Ziemiecki!

*Amber Ellison*

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To: NARI National Awards  
From: Tricia Lahti Wiitanen/Refined Homes  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

I want to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for you—not just as an industry colleague, but as a friend. Your dedication to your work and the people around you is truly remarkable. You have a rare ability to hold many loyalties simultaneously, balancing discretion while honoring everyone involved. That's no small feat, yet you do it with grace and integrity.

Above all, you are unflinchingly reliable. If you say you'll do something, you follow through—every single time. That kind of consistency builds trust, and I consider myself fortunate to volunteer with you on the NARI MN board.

Your dedication has been contagious, inspiring me to bring that same level of commitment to my own work. For that, and for so much more, I am grateful.

Thank you for all that you do.

With appreciation,  
Tricia Lahti Wiitanen|



To: NARI National Awards  
From: Shannon Horsager  
1.30.2024

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

This letter of appreciation is for Jerry Ziemiecki for his work as President of the Minnesota Chapter of NARI. I have known Jerry for over 8 years in both my roles as General Manager of the Kohler Signature Store and my Market Representative Role with Cambria. Jerry has been involved with the Kohler store for over 10 years as he does most of the remodels on the store. He has and is still one of my favorite people in the Industry as he is honest, caring and very good at his job. And, he is just an exceptional person. His growth as a member, committee member, board member and president is exemplified by his committee to the organization, it's people and the overall mission to excel remodeling in Greater Minnesota.

Jerry is passionate about his endeavors! Whether it is his work, his people, helping others or race car driving, he doesn't do anything halfway. Jerry is a consummate professional that has enhanced our industry.

Jerry recruited me to join the NARI board two years ago and was the reason for me wanting to do so. He has worked tirelessly to enhance NARI MN. I would love to see him recognized for his commitment to NARI MN and the industry as a whole.

I highly recommend Jerry for this wonderful recognition as it is greatly deserved!

Sincerely,

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January 30, 2025

To: NARI National Awards  
From: Beatrice Owen, MA

Re: Nomination of Jerry Ziemiecki for the Chapter President Award

Each year on December 1 the Minnesota Chapter has a new President. The individual presidents bring their expertise, personality, and goals to the role. In my role as executive director, I have had the privilege to work with nine presidents (including the current president). The president brings her/his unique style to the board and what they want to achieve during their term.

Jerry immediately set to work on member engagement. He wrote handwritten thank you cards to all of our sponsors throughout the year – over 75 cards. He maintained a “voluntold” list that he reached out to on a monthly basis. He was paying attention to the members and their benefits/needs and he did an outstanding job at this.

Throughout his year he was making connections, meeting members, and going out of his way to represent Minnesota – at National, with committees, and in front of the general public.

Finally, it should be noted that he has a very big heart.

Thank you for your consideration,

Beatrice Owen, MA  
Executive Director  
NARI of Minnesota  
NARI Cares