



Nomination for the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award

**Chris Egner, MCR, CKBR, UDCP,
CRPM, CCP**



Dear NARI National Board of Directors,



It is with a profound sense of admiration and respect that NARI Milwaukee proudly nominates Chris Egner, MCR, CKBR, UDCP, CRPM, CCP, for the esteemed 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award.

For more than 30 years, Chris has been a fixture in the home improvement and remodeling industry. His dedication to excellence and innovative thinking has been the driving force behind his success. Chris's journey with NARI began in May 1993, when he became the lead designer at Four Seasons Sunrooms, a NARI Milwaukee member since 1986. This pivotal role laid the groundwork for his extraordinary career path. In 2012, Chris purchased the company, demonstrating his dedication to professional growth and business expansion. He incorporated a design-build-remodel division, which showcased his forward-thinking approach and demonstrated his commitment to customer satisfaction.



Chris's influence in the industry is far-reaching. As a Past President and NARI Certified Professional, he has made significant contributions to both the field and NARI Milwaukee. His leadership qualities have earned him respect not only in his local community but also as a valuable national resource within the association. Chris has established himself as a prominent figure in the industry.

Over the years, Chris has played a key role in NARI Milwaukee's success, serving as a marketing committee chair and website redesign task force. His hard work has enabled the team to provide timely and efficient updates to members and consumers through the use of new website and technologies, lasting over a decade. Currently, Chris is serving on the finance committee and nomination team at the Chapter level, and is committed to ensuring a bright future for NARI Milwaukee. His innovative ideas have helped enhance the reputation of NARI Milwaukee and its members as top-tier home improvement and remodeling professionals. Chris has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the association, serving on every NARI Milwaukee committee, as well as every single committee at NARI national.

Chris has been devoted to education since 1998, and has generously volunteered for NARI's education and certification team. He has received numerous NARI certifications, such as the Certified Remodeler (CR), Universal Design Certified Professional (UDCP), Certified Remodeler Project Manager (CRPM), Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodeler (CKBR) and is a Master Certified Remodeler (MCR).

Chris is also passionate about inspiring the next generation and promoting career opportunities in the remodeling industry.



Chris's unwavering commitment to educating the community and his peers is a testament to his exceptional character. His passion for teaching and outreach is evident through his active participation in NARI Milwaukee's consumer education seminars. Chris is a regular guest on radio programs, magazines, and live interviews, and has served as a speaker at the NARI Milwaukee Home Shows. His wisdom and expertise shine through in all of his endeavors.

Since 2013, Chris has been an active member of the NARI Milwaukee board, holding various positions before his appointment as president in 2018. Chris's journey from Immediate Past President for NARI Milwaukee to various national positions within NARI is a testament to his indomitable spirit. He took on the role of NARI Secretary on the national level in April 2019. He was later elected to critical national offices, including Treasurer and, unexpectedly, Interim President in September 2021.



Chris's outstanding resilience during unforeseen circumstances made him a masterful navigator on uncharted waters. This enabled him to chart a course through the tempestuous seas of leadership, fulfilling his duties and more than completing his term as President. His unwavering spirit shone as a beacon of his ability to lead with grace and fortitude.

As Interim President, Chris worked with chapter leaders to address concerns, rebuild trust, and prevent further disaffiliation. His leadership and strategic thinking prevented more chapters from leaving and demonstrated his commitment to the organization.

Chris's leadership skills were instrumental in guiding NARI National through significant transitions, including the departure of two CEOs. His visionary leadership played a pivotal role in championing Elsie Iturralde, CAE and Tracy Wright, CAE, CNAP to assume the roles of co-CEOs, ultimately ensuring the organization's stability and effectiveness during a critical juncture. Chris's exceptional leadership skills have been a driving force behind NARI and his contributions will continue to make a lasting impact.



Chris's contributions to the industry have been duly recognized by NARI Milwaukee through a plethora of awards, including the NARI Milwaukee Remodeler of the Year awards in many years and remodeling categories, the 2012 Certified Professional of the Year Award, the 2013 Professionalism Award, the 2013 and 2014 NARI Milwaukee President's Award, the 2014 Gordy Ziglinski "Spirit of Education" Award, the 2017 Government Affairs Award, and the 2019 Marvin Johnson Meritorious Service Award. Additionally, he was honored with the 2022 Mary Fox Hagner Lifetime Achievement Award. He is also the recipient of the 2022 NARI National Henry Fenderbosch Leadership Award and the 2022 NARI National President's Award, and is a noted Regional and National Contractor of the Year Award Winner.

Chris Egner's dedication to NARI and the Remodeling Industry his remarkable leadership, resilience, and dedication to NARI and the remodeling industry are truly admirable. He has shown his unwavering commitment to NARI's mission by effectively steering the organization through challenging times. Thanks to his guidance, NARI has successfully maintained its relevance and continued to succeed in the remodeling industry.



In a landscape where challenges are often measured by the strength of leadership, Chris has stood tall, leading with passion, integrity, and a deep understanding of the industry. His story is one of relentless commitment and service, making him an exemplary candidate for the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award.

We ask that you consider honoring Chris Egner, MCR, CKBR, UDCP, CRPM, CCP, for the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award. His legacy of service, leadership, and passion for the industry make him an exceptional and highly deserving candidate.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to tender my strong recommendation of Mr. Chris Egner for the National Lifetime Achievement Award. I had the good fortune to meet Chris many years ago at various NARI Milwaukee functions. Since then, Chris and I have become, not only business acquaintances, but close personal friends.

Over the years, I have served on various committees at our local chapter, many with Chris. Chris has always demonstrated professionalism and remained committed to NARI. In the many conversations we have had, it has always been evident the Chris does his homework, before taking a stand, and has been consistent in his loyalty to the Association.

During his tenure as National President, Chris remained highly active in our local chapter by sharing the big picture scenarios, such as, the impact of National members, educational opportunities and economic challenges facing both, The National, and local chapters. His dedication to NARI is clear, in his schedule. Our company uses Chris Egner for the Lion's share of our design work. More often than not, Chris struggles with scheduling due to his many NARI commitments. Although, this can be frustrating at times, his dedication to serving, demonstrates a clear reminder to me and others, that everyone has time to give back.

My only concern with him receiving this prestigious award, is that, knowing Chris, as well as I do, he is far from finished serving the association and perhaps his greatest achievements are yet to come. His commitment, strong attention to details and unquestionable integrity makes him the unquestionable recipient of this Award in my mind.

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RE: Lifetime Achievement Award

It is with deep respect and genuine esteem that I write to enthusiastically recommend Chris Egner, MCR, CKBR, UDCP, CRPM, CCP for the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award. I've had the distinct privilege of serving alongside Chris on the board at NARI Milwaukee, and his unwavering dedication and professionalism have left an indelible mark on our industry.

Chris's journey in the home improvement and remodeling industry spans over three decades, but what truly sets him apart is not just his extensive experience but the genuine passion and commitment he brings to his work. His involvement with NARI began in May of 1993, and since then, he has become a cornerstone of our community, embodying the spirit of excellence and service.

Beyond his impressive list of professional achievements, what stands out most about Chris is his deep commitment to the values and principles that underpin our industry. His leadership roles within NARI Milwaukee, both locally and nationally, reflect a dedication to fostering excellence, promoting professionalism, and advancing the shared goals of our community.

Chris's contributions extend far beyond the business realm. His involvement in various committees, including education and certification, marketing, and workforce development, showcases a commitment to the growth and development of our industry's professionals. His leadership in these areas has not only shaped the standards of our trade but has also inspired others to strive for excellence.

During the challenging times of the 2020 pandemic, Chris's leadership truly shone. Faced with unprecedented difficulties, he played a pivotal role in addressing the concerns and disputes within our chapter. His efforts to bridge gaps, mend relations, and preserve the unity of NARI Milwaukee during such a trying period demonstrated not only his leadership skills but also his deep care for the well-being of our community.

Awards and accolades aside, Chris's impact on the lives of those he has worked with and mentored is immeasurable. He is not just a professional; he is a mentor, an advocate, and a friend to many within our industry. His willingness to share knowledge, lend a helping hand, and champion the success of others embodies the true spirit of a leader.

In recognition of Chris's outstanding contributions, both professionally and personally, I wholeheartedly endorse him for the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award would not only celebrate his individual accomplishments but also acknowledge the profound and lasting impact he has had on our industry.

Sincerely,
Josh Brown



Vice President
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Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

