



Avery David Fary, Jr. Honored with ASPI Customer Executive of the Year Award

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Avery David Fary, Jr., Resident Manager of the International Paper Eastover Mill in Columbia, South Carolina was named the 2006 Association of Suppliers to the Paper Industry (ASPI) Distinguished Customer Executive of the Year. Presented at the ASPI Spring Meeting in Amelia, Island, FL on March 16, 2006, this award is the highest honor the Association can bestow on an individual. The Distinguished Customer Executive of the Year Award is granted to a paper industry executive who has demonstrated extraordinary effectiveness in working with a range of suppliers to enhance productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of his/her company using a wide spectrum of supplied products and services.

Fary was awarded the honor for his recent, as well as career-long efforts in advancing this profession. Among his many superior leadership traits, he was acknowledged for his intellect, integrity in working with suppliers and mill employees as well as his impeccable work ethic. "The membership and Board of Directors of ASPI recognize that these have been very difficult times for our industry and that the future of our industry needs to be paved by professionals such as Dave," said David Peschell, ASPI President.

A native of Shackelfords, Virginia, Fary joined Union Camp (now International Paper) as the Assistant Technical Director of the Franklin mill in 1974. He later served as the Project Chief Engineer for the Eastover Mill Phase I Design Team and was promoted to Manager of Technical and Manufacturing Services. He served as the company's Mill Manager for five years prior to being named Resident Mill Manager in 1997. In receiving his award, he was accompanied by his wife Janet.

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