



2006 PAC Winner

Dr. Warren W. Wolf, Jr.

Dr. Warren W. Wolf, Jr. retired as Vice President and Chief Scientist, Emeritus, from Owens Corning in 2001 after 33 years of employment. Throughout his career he held both senior scientist and then technical management positions in research, engineering, and environmental and health sciences with considerable involvement in manufacturing.

He holds 15 patents in glass fiber process and composition. Owens Corning presented Dr. Wolf with numerous awards for his patent contributions, as well as a lifetime achievement award.

Dr. Wolf provided strong leadership in research to determine the effects of glass fibers inhaled into the lungs. His team conducted animal studies and simulated laboratory work that provided results leading the International Association on Research in Cancer (IARC) to issue a statement in 2001 removing concern over glass fibers as a carcinogen.

Dr. Wolf has remained active in retirement and is currently the President of The American Ceramic Society (ACerS). He serves on advisory boards at Virginia Tech, The Ohio State University, and Mississippi State University. He has consulted for The United States Department of Energy and for The Glass Manufacturing Industry Council, where he is an emeritus member.

He chairs a Technical Committee of the International Commission on Glass on the Biosolubility of Glass Fibers. He is a member and past president of the National Institute of Ceramic Engineers (NICE). Additionally, Dr. Wolf was instrumental in setting up what was to become the NSF Center for Glass Research at Alfred University.

Dr. Wolf was honored in 1997 by presenting the Arthur L. Friedberg Lecture at the annual meeting of the ACerS. In 2003 he received the Greaves-Walker Award from NICE for services in ceramic engineering.

Dr. Wolf holds a B.A. from The Pennsylvania State University, a PhD in ceramic engineering from The Ohio State University, and an MBA from Xavier University. He has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus from the College of Engineering at Ohio State, and as a Fellow of the College of Earth and Minerals Sciences at Penn State.

Dr. Wolf is married to Linda who is a psychoanalyst, and is father to seven children and has six grandchildren. The couple resides in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, near Columbus.