Jerry Wille, PE, ASABE Fellow, is the recipient of the 2017 Henry Giese Structures & Environment award for providing a long and sustained positive impact to the structures and environment field, and to ASABE.

Wille is a professional engineer and president of Curry-Wille & Associates. He does consultation, planning, and design on commercial and private livestock facilities, agricultural research facilities, waste management facilities, and grain, seed, and processing facilities.

Wille’s professional accomplishments have resulted in the improvement of animal research facilities around the world. He is a leading expert in working with researchers and production staff to design efficient facilities to accomplish their individual and research goals. Wille works with these groups to obtain effective and efficient research facilities that meet the needs of the client. He has been involved in the design of over 200 research facilities for some 20 colleges and universities during his career. Many of these facilities incorporated novel and new engineering concepts to make them unique to the needs of the individual client. He has completed nearly 2000 consulting projects throughout his career.

Wille is a 43 year member of ASABE and has served in a number of leadership positions, including as president of the Society in 2004-2005. He has served as a leader on many ASABE committees, including the Meetings council, Membership Development council, and the Board of Trustees.

Wille maintains connections with many professional organizations related to engineering design, animal housing, and grain storage. He is a member of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Iowa Engineering Society, the Construction Specification Institute, the National Frame Builders Association, and the Grain Elevator and Processing Society. Wille was instrumental in the development of the Professional Engineering Institute and has long championed professional engineering licensure.

Throughout his career, Wille has been honored with several Presidential Citations and many career awards including being named the ASAE Regional Young Engineer of the Year in 1985 and the ASABE Professional Engineer of the Year in 2005. He was inducted into the National Frame Builders Hall of Fame, Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, and Gamma Sigma Delta.