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Thomas Barnett was born and raised in Joliet, Illinois. He attended Northern Illinois University majoring in Physical Education.

In 1974 he started his career in briquetting with National Briquette Corporation in East Chicago, Indiana which later became National Recovery Systems. The core business for this company is the agglomeration of steel mill by-products and steel making additives. Starting work as a Production Supervisor, he worked his way up through the organization as Plant Manager, Director of Technology and Vice President of Operations and Technology. His main expertise is in operations, material handling, briquetting and binders.

During his career with National Recovery Systems he designed many different steel mill by-product agglomeration facilities here in the US and abroad. He has co-authored several papers on steel mill waste briquetting. In 1992 he received a patent for a process for the production of Steel Mill Material By-Product Briquettes and Pellets for use in a Blast Furnace.

In 2003 he joined K.R. Komarek, Inc. where his many years of experience in the briquetting industry are utilized in daily operations, sales, and consultation related to briquetting processes.

He has been an active member of the IBA since 1977 and has served on the IBA Board of Directors since 1995. He is currently the IBA's 1st Vice President.

His favorite past time is coaching baseball and he also likes to fish when he gets the chance.

Tom and his wife Karen along with their two sons Adam and Kevin live in Joliet, Illinois.