WIAWWA AWARDS

The WIAWWA Awards Committee analyzes potential award winners each year and announces the winners at the WIAWWA Annual Meeting. A detailed description of the awards and a listing of some of the past recipients follow. Consider nominating someone in the future for one of these awards. For more information contact Jill Duchniak, Member Services Coordinator, (414) 423-7000, jill@wiawwa.org.

GEORGE WARREN FULLER AWARD

The George Warren Fuller Award is presented annually by the American Water Works Association to a section member selected for distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller. George Warren Fuller believed strongly in the organization and assembly of technical and professional men and women and devoted himself fully to the advancement of their associations and societies to the end that they serve better through planned action and cooperation. The WIAWWA list of past awardees include:

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GIMMICKS AND GADGETS AWARD

The WIAWWA Gimmicks & Gadgets Award is presented annually to an individual in recognition of inventive creativity. Entries can include any novel or relatively simple mechanical device or procedure designed to provide a more efficient, safer, and/or simplified means of performing routine tasks or functions in the maintenance, operation, or construction of a water utility system. The winner of the WIAWWA Gimmicks & Gadgets Award will be submitted to the editor of Opflow for entry into the AWWA annual competition and for possible publication.

2005 Kenneth Hurt
2007 Abigail Cantor
2008 Milwaukee Water Works
2009 Green Bay Water Utility
2010 Fond du Lac Water Utility
2011 North Shore Water Commission
2012 Village of Grafton
2013 Madison Water Utility
2014 Kenosha Water Utility and Milwaukee Water Works
2015 Pete Dollhopf, Manitowoc Public Utilities and Rice Lake Water Utility

GOLDEN DROP AWARD

The Golden Drop Award is an AWWA award reserved for members who have given 50 years of dedicated service to the water industry. The list of recent previous recipients from Wisconsin include:

2004 Gilbert Greenwood
2005 Bill Cummens
2006 Paul Kuhn
2007 John Curtis, J. Robert Metz, O. Fred Nelson
2008 Robin Middlemas, Gus Strom
2009 John Mielke
2010 Victor Pflieffer, Floyd Hohenstein, O.Fred Struve
2011 Kurt Bauer, Glenn Frank, William Knudsen, John Skorupski
2013 Raymond Kocol
2014 William Boyle
2015 Thomas Chmura

HEROISM AWARD

The Heroism Award is an AWWA award given to recognize acts of heroism performed by employees of the water utility industry. The award recognizes performance of a significant rescue act either on or off the job toward saving another person or persons from loss of life or extreme injury while placing himself or herself at great personal risk. Past recipients of the Heroism Award include:

1967 Martin Fenske, Wausau
1975 James Ksicinski, Milwaukee
1985 Edward Grosenick, Reeseville
1985 Ron McGovern, Green Bay
1991 Gordon Zinkowich, Wausau
1996 Roger Thorson, Stoughton
1999 John Silbar, Menomonee Falls
2004 La Crosse Water Utility
2008 Richard Lien, Whitewater
2009 Eugene Klister, Kaukauna
2010 Hank Wallenkamp, Brown Deer Water Utility
JOHN LECHNER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (MAC AWARD)

Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC) member who has demonstrated exemplary service to the drinking water community and to AWWA’s mission and goals.

2011 Dave Droner
2012 Maria Klasinski, Badger Meter
2013 Reid Snedaker, William/Reid Ltd. LLC
2014 Rich Knoelke, Mulcahy Shaw Water
2015 Joe Finn, Wonderware Midwest

KEN MILLER FOUNDERS AWARD (WATER FOR PEOPLE)

The Kenneth Miller Founders’ Award is given to recognize volunteers for their outstanding service and leadership in the advancement of the Water For People mission. The award may be presented annually as deserved to any person who has provided exemplary service to Water For People through project facilitation, fund raising, education and/or raising the awareness of Water For People activities. The Wisconsin Water Association list of past awardees include:

2004 Paul Johnson
2005 Richard Hope
2006 Tony Myers
2007 Don Voigt

LEON A. SMITH AWARD

The Leon A. Smith Award is a Section Award presented annually by WIAWWA in recognition of distinguished service to the Association and for exceptional activity on behalf of the waterworks industry. It is offered in commemoration of the high ideals, constructive leadership, and accomplishments of Leon Albert Smith who served for 40 years as superintendent of the Madison Water Works, served as an officer of the Wisconsin Section, a National Director and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Section for nearly 30 years. Past recipients of the Leon A. Smith Award include:

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

The Life Member Award is an AWWA award reserved for members who have given 30 years of dedicated service to the water industry. The list of recent previous recipients from Wisconsin include:

2004  Brian Barrett
2005  L.E. (Gene) Allen, Ralph Schroedel Jr., Richard Smith
2007  Bill Behling, Michael Clark, James Kelly, Kenneth Ligman, William Pappathopoulos, James Zdeb
2008  Michael Davy, Michael Frey, Kurt Wood, Robert Yarroch
2009  Mark Oleinik, Gary Hanline, Warren Hansen, Steve Jacobson
2010  John Allen, Richard Jones, Robert Kardasz, Michael Rau
2011  Robert Barnum, Richard Boers, Jerry Butts, Michael Engel, Daniel Greve, Terry Johnson, Larry McNamee, Michael Olesen, Mark Thompson
2013  Joseph Gehin, Donald Voigt
2014  David Dorner, Dean Freeberg, William Frazier, William Mielke, Warren Myers, Caroll Schaefer
2015  Don Burns, Dennis Guelig, Carl Johnson

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The WIAWWA Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 1996 to perpetuate the memory of those living and deceased who have made the most significant contributions to the field of public water supply in Wisconsin. The characteristics which define the Lifetime Achievement Awardees include: (1) outstanding service to the Section, (2) contributions to the industry, (3) dedication to the development of excellence in the water industry, and (4) significant contributions to his/her community of an outstanding nature. The list of previous recipients include:

1997  Archie E. Becher, Jr.  2001  Leon A. Smith  2011  Michael Clark,
1998  Gilbert Ruston  2005  James Kelly
1999  Herbert Schmidt  2006  Don Ashbaugh
1999  Edward Hawley  2007  Charles Pierotti
OPERATOR MERITORIOUS AWARD

The Operator Meritorious Award is an AWWA award given annually by WIAWWA to a water supply or distribution system operator in recognition of special performance in any operations related capacity. The award can recognize special performance in one or more of the following areas: (1) continuous compliance with public health standards in treated drinking water, (2) consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance, (3) development of equipment or process modifications to provide for more efficient or effective treatment, (4) special efforts in the training of operators, (5) special acts not related to water treatment but which demonstrate dedication to the public beyond normal operating responsibilities, and (6) consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines, pump stations, and reservoirs. Past recipients of the Operator Meritorious Award include:

1986  George Gruettner, Milwaukee
1987  Richard D. Boers, Wausau
1989  Herbert A. Schmidt, Racine
1990  Curt Weibel
1991  Randall Walencyzyk, Mukwonago Water Utility
1992  Bob Sawyers, City of Elkhorn
1993  Melvin Kiefer, City of Oshkosh
1994  Laverne Bickle, City of Fort Atkinson
1995  Jim Treirweiler, City of Marshfield
1996  Dennis Uecker, Hustisford Water & Sewer Utility
1997  Jeff Rzepiejewski, Portage Water Utility
1998  Randal L. Hager, Menomonee Falls Water Utility
1999  David Bors, City of Allouez
2000  Jerry Nelson, Racine
2001  Ron Williams, Tomah
2002  Joe Morrissey, Village of Wrightstown
2003  Pat Francis, Oak Creek Utilities
2004  Roger Johnson, North Shore Water Commission
2005  James Reinolt, Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission
2006  David Wasserburger, Marshfield Electric & Water Dept.
2007  Jim Wolf, Davies Water Equipment
2008  Jeff Detro, Waukesha Water Utility
2009  Russell Hardwick, Green Bay Water Utility
2010  James Kell, West Bend Water Utility
2011  Mike Kosterman, Racine Water & Wastewater Utility
2012  Jim Prindle, City of Onalaska
2013  Dave Lewis, Kenosha Water Utility
2014  Frank Miller, Cudahy Water Utility
2015  Fred Van Serke, Manitowoc Utilities

PUBLICATIONS AWARD

This is an AWWA award given annually to recognize the most notable contribution, scientific or practical, to the public water supply profession, as published in the Journal AWWA of the American Water Works Association. The Publications Award winner is selected from the highest rated paper in each division published in the Journal for the award year July – June. The list of previous recipients from Wisconsin include:

2003-4  Greg Harrington
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION

The Public Service Commendation is presented to public utility employees who have provided 20 or more years of service to the public as a water utility employee and who have recently retired or died. The list of previous recipients include:

2007  Tom Berendes, Dennis Geiger, Ray Grzys, Bob Kuehn
2008  Ron Umentum, Dale Paczkowski, Steve Stroess, Gary Budysz
2009  Mike Clark, Dennis Christophersen
2010  Mark Kessler
2012  Kim Halverson
2013  Mike Pederson
2014  Paul Lange

RESEARCH AWARD

The Research Award from WIAWWA is given to recognize an individual for research contributions made to water science and water supply. The recipient of this award is selected by the Research Committee. The list of previous recipients include:

1996  Jon Standridge
1997  Nilaksh Kothari
1998  Jerry Selin
1999  Roger Johnson
2001  Carrie Lewis
2003  Greg Harrington
2004  Michael Arndt
2005  Mark Borchardt
2006  Daniel Noguera
2007  Greg Harrington
2008  Doug Cherkauer
2009  Becky Hoffman
2010  Sandra McLellan
2011  Abigail Cantor
2012  William Sonzogni
2013  Kenneth Bradbury
2014  Bruce Schmidt
2015  Lee Boushon

SAFETY AWARDS

The WIAWWA provides Safety Awards to any and all water utilities which remain injury free or meet commendable injury rates based upon AWWA reported accident statistics. WIAWWA Safety Award levels include (1) Certificate of Commendation, (2) Award of Merit, (3) Award of Honor, and (4) Award of Excellence.

AWWA also awards a National Safety Award to one utility in each of the following four categories:
   Class I - Utilities with less than 10 employees
   Class II - Utilities with 10 to 100 employees
   Class III - Utilities with 101 to 500 employees
   Class IV - Utilities with over 500 employees
SERVICE TO THE WATER INDUSTRY AWARD

The Service to the Water Industry Award is given annually by the American Water Works Association to companies that have used both products and personnel for 75 years or more to support the goals of the water industry. The list of previous recipients from Wisconsin include:

2003   Badger Meter

SILVER WATER DROP AWARD

The Silver Drop Award is an AWWA award reserved for members who have given 30 years of dedicated service to the water industry. The list of recent previous recipients from Wisconsin include:

2012   Steve Bruskiewicz, Don Swailes, Kevin Richardson, William Frazier, Lamont Albers, David Koenig, John Boldt, Joseph Gehin
2013   Timothy Dornfeld, Dean Freeburg, David Ewig, Taryn Nall, Thomas Krueger, Daniel Klotz, James Chaffee, Keith Donner, Tony Averbeck, Donald Voigt
2014   Daniel Butler, David Dorner, Nilaksh Kothari, Daniel Lynch, William Mielke, Anthony Myers, Warren Myers, Randy Neils, Michael Pollocoff, David Sasada, Steven Schultz, Alan Scrivner, Carroll Schaefer, Amy Vaclavik
2015   John Byrum, Laura Daniels, Thomas Davy, William Ericson, Larry Gotham, Jerry Groth, Edward St. Peter, Stephen Thompson, Ronald Weilner

SMALL SYSTEM EXCELLENCE AWARD

The WIAWWA Small System Excellence Award was created in 1993 for the purpose of recognizing the challenges and achievements of small water systems in Wisconsin. Small systems are defined as those serving populations of 10,000 persons or less. Nominees for this award are solicited and representative from each of the five DNR regions. Excellence in water systems is measured in terms of (1) quality of water produced, (2) compliance with drinking water regulations and code requirements, (3) water system operation & maintenance, (4) water accountability, and (5) financial integrity. Past recipients of the Small System Excellence Award include:

1993   Rothschild  2010   Brodhead Water & Light
1994   Elk Mound   2011   Melrose
1995   Rib Mountain 2012   Gillett
1996   City of Hudson 2013 City of Viroqua Municipal Water Utility
1997   Port Washington 2014 Prairie Du Chien Water Department
1998   Tomahawk      2015 Village of Milladore
1999   Arcadia
2000   Medford
2001   West Salem
2002   Kimberly
2003   Mayville
2004   New London
2005   Rice Lake
2006   Union Grove
2007   Village of Pardeeville
2008   Seymour
2009   Darlington
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

2009  Cudahy (Response to Patrick Cudahy Fire)

STEWARDS OF SAFE WATER AWARD

The Stewards of Safe Water Award is presented by WIAWWA to men and women that have provided 10 or more years of leadership and dedication to the citizens of Wisconsin through the water industry either as a water board member or as a governing board member. Past recipients include:


2003  David Willborn, David Herbst, Priscilla Mather, Marlin Hensler, Jr., Edward Hilbert

2004  Ronald Aleksy, Henry Kober, Philip Ads, Fredrick Siepert, Joe Van Hoof

2005  Charles Bradburn

2006  Gerald Myers, James Salm, George Schmidt, Gary Gass, Paul Adamski, Stephen Mann, Bernard Ellenbecker

2007  Everett Butler, John Johnson, Eugene Pfaff, Randy Turtenwald, Edwin Jensen

2008  Don Holland, John Ruffolo

2009  Jonathan Standridge

2010  Scott Berg

2011  Gregory Harrington, Henry Kober, John Heidenreich

2012  Timothy Hanna

2013  Albert Toma

2014  Kathryn Hasselblad-Pascale, James Blumreich, Edward Hilbert

2015  Gregory Zinda

UTILITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Utility Achievement Award is a WIAWWA award given to a utility that has over the course of the previous year done something to warrant special recognition. Examples of achievement categories can include holding a special event, dealing effectively with a special problem such as contamination or loss of a water source, and/or consistent achievement of on-going excellence. Past recipients include:

2000  Oshkosh

2002  Appleton

2003  Chippewa Falls

2004  Janesville, Cudahy

2005  Arcadia

2006  Milwaukee, Ashwaubenon

2007  Brookfield, Marshfield, Stevens Point

2008  Milwaukee, La Crosse, Bellevue

2009  Kaukauna, Oak Creek

2010  Wausau Water Works, Kenosha Water Utility

2011  Milwaukee Water Works

2012  Waukesha Water Utility

2013  Oak Creek Water & Sewer Utility, Stevens Point Water Utility

2014  Green Bay Water Utility, Madison Water Utility, Oconomowoc Water Utility

2015  Mequon Water Utility, Arcadia Water Utility
WATER EFFICIENCY

This WIAWWA award is presented to utilities that demonstrate leadership, innovation, or progress in promoting the wise use of water resources through water efficiency and conservation. Past recipients include:

2008 Waukesha Water Utility
2009 Fitchburg Utility District No. 1
2010 Marshfield Utilities
2011 Janesville Water & Wastewater Utilities
2012 River Falls Municipal Utilities
2013 Oconomowoc Public Utilities
2014 Kaukauna Utilities
2015 City of Middleton Water Utility and Sustainability Committee

WISCONSIN WATER FOR THE WORLD

Recognition by AWWA for outstanding service and leadership in the advancement of the Wisconsin Water for the World mission.

2011 John Andersen
2013 Katie Karow
2014 Dixon Engineering, Inc.
2015 Ben Wood

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AWARD

The Young Professionals Award is a WIAWWA award given to members less than 35 years of age or with less than 10 years experience in the industry in recognition of service and achievements that are judged exceptional relative to actual years of experience. The list of previous recipients include:

2005 Kelly Zylstra
2006 Katie Edgington
2007 Melissa Arnot
2008 Kathy Beduhn
2009 Ben Wood
2010 Kelly Olson
2011 Angel Gebeau
2012 Ryan Wood
2013 Sarah Nunn
2014 Dale Brochert
2015 Jason Bordewyk