

New Jersey Water
Environment Association

AWARDS



James De Block, Executive Director
P.O. Box 737 • Woodland Park, NJ 07424
Office: 973-239-9200 • Cell: 973-417-3082
jdeblock@njwea.org
www.njwea.org

NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION



AWARDS

Various awards are presented by the New Jersey Water Environment Association. Through its awards, the Association hopes to encourage individual members to aid the New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA) in achieving its goals and objectives.

More importantly, it provides a mechanism to acknowledge and extend its gratitude to those who warrant recognition for their contributions and dedicated service to the Association, its goals and its achievements.

Who Can Receive An Award?

Anyone who is an active member of the NJWEA is eligible to receive an award.

What Awards Are Available?

There are numerous awards which are presented at the annual conference. In addition, NJWEA members are eligible to receive various awards presented by the WEF and each Section of the NJWEA.

Within this booklet are the descriptions and criteria for the awards.

How Does A Member Receive An Award?

A member must be nominated for an award. The nomination must be accompanied by supporting documentation (a nomination form is included and may be copied) All nominations will be considered by the Awards Committee who in turn will make recommendations for the selected awardees to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will take the final action to approve the respective awardees.

Who Can Submit A Nomination?

Any member can submit a nomination form for an award of someone they feel is deserving of an award.

AWARDS

CONTENTS

NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

The Leroy Forman Award
The Heukelekian Award
The Harry P. Croft Award
Public Education Award
Thomas Meholc
Public Education Award
James De Block Award (North)
Henry Penley Award (Central)
Rocco Maiellano Award (South)
Issac Welcome Collection Systems Award
The Robert Rowe Award for Laboratory
Analyst Excellence
Safety Award
Joseph Bonaccorso
Operator Educator Award
Ernest Ecker Excellence in Industrial
Wastewater Treatment Award & Certificate
Industrial Environmental Compliance
Award
Conference Excellence Award
Outstanding Young Water Environment
Professional
Exhibit Display Award - Category I
Exhibit Display Award - Category II
Exhibit Display Award - Category III
Certificates of Appreciation
 Conference Committee
 Program Committee
 Industrial Environmental Quality
 Committee
NJWEA Life Membership

NJWEA SOCIETIES

The Order of the 55 Gallon Drum
Select Society of Sanitary Sludge
Shovelers
Golden Manhole Society

WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION

The Arthur Sidney Bedell Award
The William D Hatfield Award
The George W. Burke Jr. Award
The Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award
Life Membership
The Quarter Century Operators' Club

NORTH JERSEY SECTION OF THE NJWEA

T. W. Cleveland Award
Out House Award

CENTRAL JERSEY SECTION OF THE NJWEA

Member Award
Affiliates Award
Executive Award

SOUTH JERSEY SECTION OF THE NJWEA

The Leo Saverese Award
The Raymond G. Case Award
Knights of the Golden Shovel Award
Affiliates Award

The Leroy Forman Award

Reason for the Award

The Leroy Forman Award shall be presented annually to a member of the New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA) for originality, significance, comprehensiveness, effort and most importantly, the certification of a research and application of in-plant studies of operational processes.

General Criteria

1. Awardee must be a member of the NJWEA.
2. Employed at least 10 years in the wastewater treatment field.
3. Have published articles in the Association publications concerning plant operational processes.

The Heukelekian Award

Award Description

The Heukelekian Award shall be presented annually to a member of the New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA) for the most outstanding contribution on any aspect of industrial waste control.

General Criteria

1. Awardee must be a member of the NJWEA.
2. Provided outstanding contribution to the advancement in the industrial waste control.
3. Actually worked for 5 years in the field of Industrial Waste Prevention.

The Harry P. Croft Award

Award Description

The Harry P. Croft Award shall be presented annually to a member of the New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA) for his/her distinguished and outstanding service to the Association or the field of water pollution control.

General Criteria

1. Awardee must be a member of the NJWEA.
2. Worked on 3 or more committees.
3. Contributed to the professional advancement of the Association.

NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Thomas G. Meholic Public Education Award

Award Description

This Award has been established to recognize members for significant accomplishments in promoting awareness and understanding of water environment issues among the general public, through the development and or implementation of public education programs.

General Criteria

1. Awardee must be a member of the NJWEA.
2. Documented achievements of public education activities in the water environment field and/or
3. Identification and description of exceptional efforts to educate the public on water environment issues.
4. The activity or effort must have been implemented within two years immediately prior to the nomination. Specific programs are eligible for award only once.
5. A completed Nomination form along with a 4-5 line biography of the nominee and specific reasons for the nomination (one page maximum) must accompany a narrative description of the activities or efforts, including the objective and the results of the nominee. Examples of any information that may have been provided and the net result of those activities and any other supporting material required would be helpful in the selection process.
6. Nomination accepted from individuals groups of individuals or agency members.

Service Award

James De Block Award, Henry Penley Award and Rocco Maiellano Award

Award Description

The Service Award is presented annually to a member of each of the three Sections of the NJWEA (North, Central and South) for service rendered to the NJWEA.

General Criteria

1. Member in good standing for at least 10 years.
2. Active on two (2) or more State Committees.
3. Contributed to the advancement of wastewater treatment and/or collection system.
4. Has provided continual support to the officers of the Association.

Isaac Collection Systems Welcome Award

Award Description

The collection System Award is presented to an individual for contributions to the advancement of the state of the art of wastewater collection.

General Criteria

1. Documentation of the contribution and the application.
2. The nominee's area of service must have been in any of the following areas: management, overall planning, operation and maintenance, facility design, education, training or research.
3. Publication of a State or Federation periodical of a formal report is not required but is desirable.
4. Documentation and supporting information detailing the achievement must be provided, which includes a nomination form, one page biography of nominee, specific reason for the nomination (one page maximum) and any other supporting material as per criteria requirements.

The Robert Rowe Award for Laboratory Analyst Excellence

Award Description

This award was established to recognize individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis laboratory profession.

General Criteria

1. Must be a member in good standing with the NJWEA.
2. Candidate must be employed by an educational facility, industrial, commercial or municipality laboratory which performs wastewater-related analysis and must have direct analytical responsibility.
3. Must have been employed for a minimum of 5 years.
4. Provide contributions that have been beneficial to the nominee's facility or to the NJWEA.

Safety Award

Award Description

The Safety Award is presented annually to an individual in recognition of their outstanding safety record and training programs. The purpose of the award is to stimulate effective safety programs and to encourage the collection of injury statistics on a national basis.

General Criteria

1. Cooperation with other organizations to promote safety.
2. Methods used to publicize the safety program.
3. Safety materials and visual aids used.
4. Collection and use of injury data.
5. Wastewater system personnel injury experience for the past 5 years in the area served by the Association.
6. Applications of nomination must be supported by exhibits that document and illustrate the Association's safety program.

Joseph Bonaccorso Operator Educator Award

Award Description

This award was established to recognize individual for outstanding training provided to members of the Association in the Wastewater Treatment field.

General Criteria

1. NJWEA member of good standing for the past five (5) years.
2. Active participant in Operator Education for ten (10) years, or more, in any of the following areas:
 - (a) Operator Licensing Courses.
 - (b) Advisory Committee Operator Training.
 - (c) Teaching Continuing Education Programs at University, College and/or Vo-Tech school in New Jersey.
 - (d) Teaching short courses at WEF, NJWEA and other seminars.
 - (e) Extensive participation in the Committees creating Operator Education Programs, such as Technology Transfer and Annual Conference Educational Programs.

NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Ernest Ecker Award Excellence in Industrial Wastewater Treatment

Award Description

This Award has been established to recognize a New Jersey company that has achieved outstanding performance in some aspect of industrial wastewater treatment. The award is presented to the company and the certificate to the person in that company largely responsible for the company receiving the award.

General Criteria

1. The company can be an industrial treatment plant, pre-treatment plant, or design firm involved in work in the industrial wastewater treatment field in New Jersey.
2. Must be located in the state of New Jersey or, in the case of a design firm, the work for which the award is being given has to be performed for an industry within the state of New Jersey.
3. If a treatment plant is being recognized, it must be in compliance with all regulatory permits and not under any consent order.
4. The following factors, whether individually or in combination, will be used to evaluate candidates: Compliance Record, Safety Record, Training, Operating Efficiency, Maintenance, Design Excellence, New Technology Reduced Waste Production and/or Industry wide applicability.
5. No member may receive this award more than once in three years.
6. A member of NJWEA.

Industrial Environmental Compliance Award

Award Description

This award is presented to recognize companies that have achieved outstanding performance in some aspect of Industrial Wastewater Treatment and Compliance in the State of New Jersey.

General Criteria

1. The company nominated may be any industrial or commercial facility, or firm involved in complying with environmental regulations or conducting activities to improve the environment in the state.
2. The company where activity was performed must be located within the State of New Jersey.
3. All facilities being recognized must be in compliance with all regulatory issues over the past twelve (12) months and not be subject to any consent or administrative orders. The following factors, whether individually or in combination, will be used to evaluate the nominees: compliance record, safety record, training, operating efficiency, maintenance excellence, design, innovative technology, waste minimization and industry wide applications.

Young Water Environment Professional Award

Award Description

In recognition of outstanding contributions made by a Young Professional to enhance the activities of the NJWEA

NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Conference Excellence Award

Reason for the Award

The Conference Excellence Award is to be awarded at the Annual Conference to a company or person for their continuous support of the conference year after year. This support could be entirely financial or a combination of financial and conference participation. Individuals will be chosen by the Conference Committee.

The Order of the 55 Gallon Drum

Award Description

The Order of the 55 Gallon Drum Award is presented to several members and non-members (HONORARY) each year for their participation in the Hazardous Waste Field. Individuals are chosen by the Hazardous Waste Committee.

Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers

Award Description

The Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers is presented for outstanding, unique and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty. "For the eternal preservation and enhancement of the most precious material known to man: SANITARY SLUDGE". Individuals are chosen by the Society.

Exhibit Display Awards

Award Description

These awards are given to exhibitors at the Annual Conference for excellence in their booth displays along with innovation within the display which adds to the improvement of the exhibit area and quality of the conference. There are three (3) separate categories.

General Criteria

Category I

Single 8' X 10' Exhibit

Category II

Multiple booths

(two or more contiguous booths, put together by one company)

Category III

Multiple booths

(two or more company booths by one manufacturer's representative).

Conference Management Certificates of Appreciation

Award Description

Certificates of appreciation are awarded each year for those members who have contributed their time and effort over a period of years with service on the following committees:

- ◆ **Conference Committee**
- ◆ **Program Committee**
- ◆ **Industrial Environmental Quality Committee**

NJWEA Life Membership

General Criteria

1. Must apply for the New Jersey Water Environment Association Life Membership by application.

Contact your Section's Award Committee member or Section President for an application form.

New Jersey Water
Environment Association

WATER ENVIRONMENT
FEDERATION



AWARDS

WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION AWARDS

The Arthur Sidney Bedell Award

Award Description

The Arthur Sidney Bedell Award was established to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to a Member Association. The award is named for the second president of the Federation, who exemplified its purpose by his long devotion and service to the New York Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association, now the New York Water Pollution Control Association. This award is presented annually by the Federation.

General Criteria

The Member Association has ultimate control over the selection of criteria.

1. Must be a member of the Water Environment Federation.
2. Organizational leadership, administrative service, membership activity, stimulation of technical functions, or similar participation.
3. The size of the membership dictates the frequency with which Member Associations are eligible to make nomination for the award.

The William D. Hatfield Award

Award Description

The William D. Hatfield Award is presented annually by the Federation. It is given to operators of wastewater treatment plants, who through their outstanding performance and professionalism deserve commendation. This award was established in honor of Dr. William D. Hatfield's years of service as a treatment plant operator.

General Criteria

The Member Association controls the process of selection but the Federation has set up a general system of criteria.

1. Must be a member of the Water Environment Federation.
2. A successful system of reports from the operator to his or her superiors that fulfill the information requirements and provide the operator with a forum for suggestions for improvements.
3. Use of a good public relation program.
4. The nominee should have contributed to the dissemination of information concerning advancements in the field.
5. The size of the membership dictates the frequency with which Member Associations are eligible to make nominations for the award.

WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION AWARDS

The George W. Burke, Jr. Award

Award Description

The George W. Burke, Jr. Award is presented annually by the Federation to a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for its safety program and safety record. This award was established in 1982 in honor of George W. Burke, Jr. for his many years of service to both the water environment field and the Federation as staff manager of technical service. Mr. Burke was instrumental in developing the Federation's annual safety survey and assisting in the production of several safety training aids and promotional packets. The purpose of this award is to encourage an active and effective safety program in municipal and industrial wastewater facilities.

General Criteria

1. The documented and illustrated safety program and safety record of the facility for the preceding calendar year are the primary criteria for the award.
2. Additionally, each Member Association is allowed full freedom to establish its own criteria.
3. The size of the membership dictates the frequency with which Member Associations are eligible to make nomination for the award.

The Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award

Award Description

This award was established by the Board of Control in 1993 to recognize individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession. The Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award is presented annually by the Federation for extraordinary personal excellence by a member.

General Criteria

1. Must be a member of the Water Environment Federation.
2. Candidate must be employed at an educational facility laboratory, industrial, commercial or municipal laboratory which performs wastewater-related analysis, and must have direct analytical responsibilities.
3. Candidates are eligible for this award only once.
4. Qualifying criteria may include:
 - (a) Membership and involvement in professional associations.
Examples: Water Environment Federation Committees, Standard Methods Joint Task Groups, MA committees and conferences and conference activities.
 - (b) Outstanding efforts in the area of wastewater and environmental aquatic analyses, including such items as innovative sampling techniques or solution to a treatment, analytical or environmental problem.
 - (c) Involvement in community activities or public relations.
 - (d) Presentations at professional conferences, meetings, etc. relevant to water quality analysis.
 - (e) Professional certifications.
 - (f) Continuing education.
 - (g) Contributions that have been beneficial to the nominee's facility.
 - (h) Unusual initiative or performance "beyond the call of duty".

The Quarter Century Operators Club

Award Description

The Quarter Century Operators Club honors the operator of wastewater treatment plants for their service and dedication in a difficult and dangerous field. The Quarter Century Operators Club is a group of members of any Member Association or a member of the Professional Wastewater Operations Division of the Federation.

General Criteria

1. Must be a member of the Water Environment Federation.
2. Must have been a significant, full-time participant in the water pollution control industry for a period of 25 years, 10 years of which must have been actively involved in the day-to-day collections, maintenance, operation, laboratory, or management of a wastewater transportation or treatment facility.
3. Must submit an application for membership consideration to the Federation office by August 1 of the year to be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Federation Board of Control. The application must be accompanied by a complete and detailed resume of experience, along with a picture for qualification.

New Jersey Water Environment Association

NORTH SECTION



AWARDS

NJWEA NORTH SECTION AWARDS

T.W. Cleveland Award

Award Description

The T.W. Cleveland Award shall be presented to a member in recognition of outstanding continuing service to the North Jersey Section of the NJWEA.

General Criteria

1. Active, Life or Honorary member of the North Jersey Section.
2. Recipient must have displayed continuous long term service to the Section over many years.
3. The award is presented annually.

Out House Award

Award Description

The Out House Award shall be presented to a member in recognition of service to the North Jersey Section of the NJWEA.

General Criteria

1. Member of the North Jersey Section. (Any membership classification)
2. Recipient must have performed valuable service to the Section during recent past.
3. Up to three awards may be presented annually.

Supporting Benefactor Award

Award Description

In recognition of the continuing partnership and longstanding support of the North Jersey Section Programs and Activates

New Jersey Water
Environment Association

CENTRAL SECTION



AWARDS

NJWEA CENTRAL SECTION AWARDS

Member Award

Award Description

The Member Award is given to a Central Section member for distinguished service.

General Criteria

1. Member in good standing for a minimum of three years.
2. Nominated by the Central Section Awards Committee.
3. A picture and resume of the nominee must be submitted with the qualification documentation.

Affiliates Award

Award Description

The Affiliate Award is given to an Affiliate Company for their dedication and hard work towards the advancement of Wastewater Treatment and/or Wastewater Collection or for their dedicated service to the Central Section.

General Criteria

1. The Affiliate must have been a member of the Central Section for a minimum of three years.
2. Nominated by the Central Section Awards Committee.
3. The Affiliate shall not have won this award in the previous three (3) years.
4. A picture and resume of the Affiliate must be submitted with the qualification documentation.

Executive Award

Award Description

The Executive Award is given to a Central Section member for their distinguished service to the section in promoting public understanding of the need for adequate water pollution control.

General Criteria

1. Member in good standing for a minimum often (10) years.
2. Nominated by the Central Section Awards Committee.
3. Past President of the Central Section or the New Jersey Water Environment Association
4. A picture and resume of the Affiliate must be submitted with the qualification documentation.

New Jersey Water
Environment Association

SOUTH SECTION



AWARDS

NJWEA SOUTH SECTION AWARDS

The Leo J. Saverese Award

Award Description

The Leo J. Saverese Award is made for distinguished service as a member of the South Jersey Section of the WEF and is given as considered appropriate by the Executive Committee.

General Criteria

1. Member in good standing for at least five (5) years.
2. A long member of the Executive Committee consisting often (10) years on at least one committee.
3. Nominated by the Executive Committee.
4. Recommended by the Awards Committee
5. A picture and resume of the nominee must be submitted with all documentation for qualification.

The Raymond G. Case Award

Award Description

The Raymond G. Case Award is presented for distinguished executive service to the SJWEA in promoting public understanding of the need for adequate water pollution control.

General Criteria

1. Member in good standing for at least ten (10) years.
2. Nominated by the Nominating Committee.
3. Past President of the SJWEA & NJWEA.
4. Made some type of process modification that enhanced treatment works and/or published an article in an "Effluents" or "SCAN" publication.
5. A picture and resume of the nominee must be submitted with all documentation for qualification.

Knights of the Golden Shovel Award

Award Description

The Knight of the Golden Shovel Award shall be presented to a member who has contributed to the advancement of wastewater treatment and/or collection.

General Criteria

1. The affiliate must have been a member of the SJWEA in good standing for at least three years.
2. The nominee must have served on at least two committees.
3. Nominated by nominating Awards Committee.
4. Contributed to the advancement of the SJWEA.
5. Contributed to the advancement of wastewater treatment and/or collection.
6. No member may receive this award more than once (1) in three years.
7. A picture and resume of the nominee must be submitted with all documentation for qualification.
8. A member of NJWEA

NJWEA SOUTH SECTION AWARDS

Affiliates Award

Award Description

To recognize the affiliate company for their dedication and hard work towards the advancement of the SJWEA.

General Criteria

Affiliate receiving award would not be eligible for the same award for three (3) years.

1. The affiliate must have been a member of the SJWEA for at least three years.
2. The nominee must have served on at least two committees for the SJWEA.
3. The affiliate must be approved by the Awards Committee.
4. The affiliate must submit a picture and resume with all documentation for qualification.

*Contact your Section's Award Committee member or Section President
for an application and requirement information.*

Welcome to the Awards Committee Home Page

Robert J. De Block
Chairman / Past President

Francis Bonaccorso
President

Michael Hope
President Elect / Program Chair

Brian Brach
Vice President

Stephen R. Blankenship
South Section President

Joseph Polomene
Central Section President

Lisa Oberreiter
North Section President

Christopher Pabst
Technology Transfer Co-Chair

Joseph Bonaccorso
Past President

Robert Fischer
Treasurer / Past President

Natalie Pisarcik
Industrial Environmental Quality
Committee Chair

Rocco Maiellano
Past President

Tom Greci
Past President

John Reardon
Past President

Jill Plesnarski
Past President

Dave Kennedy
Member

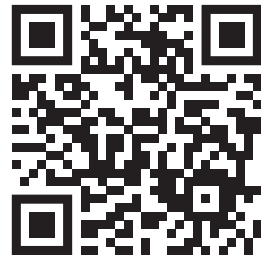
Lou Lambe
Collection Systems Committee Chair

Brian Carey
YP Chair

Richard D. Eustace
Deputy ED / Past President

James De Block
Executive Director / Past President

Visit the Awards Committee Page
to Submit a Nomination Online



Scan Me

OR VISIT:

https://njwea.org/awards_committee.php



New Jersey Water
Environment Association

DISTINGUISHED
HONORS AND
AWARDS



www.njwea.org