

# MPUA Alliance Awards

2020 CALL FOR  
NOMINATIONS



Every utility has top-notch  
public servants.

Whether it is a long-term  
employee or a rising star,  
it's time to recognize  
their dedication!



Description	Eligibility	Criteria
<b>John “Tom” Tinsley Distinguished Service Award</b>		
<p>This award is named in honor of John “Tom” Tinsley, retired City Administrator of Waynesville, in recognition of his exceptional leadership in and dedication to municipal utilities. Tinsley served the City of Waynesville from 1987 to his retirement in 2004. Throughout the years, he chaired all of the MPUA organizations: MAMU, MJMEUC, MGCM and the JOC. MPUA and its member organizations greatly benefited from Tom’s generosity, expertise and quiet dignity for many years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official or employee of an MPUA member</li> <li>• Provided distinguished service to the Alliance organizations for at least 10 years</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. have demonstrated leadership and made contributions to municipal utilities locally and to an Alliance organization;</li> <li>2. be recognized by their peers;</li> <li>3. exemplify the highest ideas and finest traditions in management;</li> <li>4. have made contributions to the betterment of the community, the region, &amp; the state or nation.</li> </ol>
<b>Paul Jensen Individual Achievement Award</b>		
<p>This award was renamed in 2007 to honor Paul Jensen, who retired after serving 17 years as General Manager of Marshall Municipal Utilities and the previous decade managing Macon Municipal Utilities. During his career, Paul served as MAMU President and as Chair of MJMEUC. He was an active member of many standing committees of the organizations and, while in Macon, was instrumental in the development of MJMEUC, making Macon Municipal Utilities one of 6 Charter Members of the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee of an MPUA member</li> <li>• Active participant in Alliance affairs for at least 5 years</li> <li>• Accomplished special achievements for his/her utility</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. have contributed to the municipal utility industry generally through their achievements;</li> <li>2. have contributed substantially to municipal utilities; and</li> <li>3. have been widely recognized within the association.</li> </ol>
<b>Dan A. Watkins—Gary L. Whorton Personal Service Award</b>		
<p>This award honors two leaders who exemplified personal service to their municipal utilities as well as to MPUA. Dan Watkins, former Rolla Municipal Utilities General Manager chaired the JOC in 2003 and 2007 and also chaired the MAMU and MJMEUC Board of Directors before retiring from RMU in 2009. Dan provided crucial leadership during the early years of MPUA as well as the development of the MoPEP power pool. Gary L. Whorton, retired Utility Superintendent of Cameron Municipal Utilities and former Supervisor of Trenton Municipal Utilities, was an organizing Charter Member of MJMEUC. As Chair of the MJMEUC Budget and Finance Committee, he led the committee in the creation of the financial structure of the Missouri Public Utility Alliance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee of an MPUA Member</li> <li>• Active participant in the Alliance for at least 5 years</li> <li>• His/Her special public or community service has been a credit to public utilities</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should have made substantial contributions to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. enhancing municipal utility prestige through public and community service; and</li> <li>2. participated in MPUA member activities and services.</li> </ol>
<b>Richard E. Malon Public Service Award</b>		
<p>This award, first presented in 1999 to Dick Malon, Director of Columbia Water and Light, recognizes exceptional leadership by public officials at the national or state level. In 2004, the award was renamed in honor of Mr. Malon who served as President and Chair for both MAMU and MJMEUC; as a member of the Strategic Task Force which developed the creation of MPUA; as well as serving nationally on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of APPA and as Chair of the State of Missouri Coal Commission. His judgment and policy insights have been guiding forces in the Missouri municipal utilities community. He has been called on frequently for testimony and advice by state legislative and regulatory leaders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicly elected or appointed official</li> <li>• His/Her activities have furthered the objectives of municipal utilities</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. made substantial contributions to municipal utilities;</li> <li>2. received recognition for their activities;</li> <li>3. made contributions with lasting impact.</li> </ol>
<b>Public Official Award</b>		
<p>This award was established to recognize personal service to MPUA by elected and appointed officials at the state or local level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected or appointed member of a policy board or commission of an MPUA member</li> <li>• Active participant in the Alliance for at least 5yrs</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should have made substantial contributions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. toward MPUA and municipal utility goals;</li> <li>2. toward enhancing MPUA’s statewide influence;</li> <li>3. to their communities.</li> </ol>

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<b>Jack Swearingen Seven Hats Award</b>		
<p>This award honors Jack Swearingen, who retired as the Utilities Superintendent in Crane, Missouri after 47 years where he provided leadership for the water, sewer and street departments. He's the 'gold standard' for the type of all-purpose service needed by small municipalities, and his work was a strong factor in Crane's stable progress and strength as a community. In 1998, he was awarded the APPA Seven Hats Award for his service to the City in all those capacities and in 2009 the MPUA Seven Hats Award was renamed in his honor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager of an MPUA member serving not more than 2,500 meters</li> <li>• He/She has demonstrated special skill in specific multiple areas of responsibility</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees must possess skills in the following seven areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. planning and design;</li> <li>2. administration;</li> <li>3. public relations;</li> <li>4. field supervision;</li> <li>5. accounting;</li> <li>6. human resources;</li> <li>7. community leadership.</li> </ol>
<b>Honor Award</b>		
<p>This award recognizes employees or officials of MPUA member utilities who have made significant local contributions to municipal utilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official or employee of an MPUA member</li> <li>• At least 10 years of exceptional service in municipal utilities</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. nominated by the governing board or manager of an MPUA member utility or MPUA's Executive Board</li> <li>2. recognized for outstanding contributions to the MPUA member utility in meeting its objectives.</li> </ol>
<b>Buddy Bennett Community Service Award</b>		
<p>This award was renamed in 2007 for Buddy Bennett, retired City Administrator at Higginsville. During his career, he served on the Executive Committees of both MAMU and MJMEUC and provided valuable leadership during development of the Missouri Public Utility Alliance, while serving as Chair of the Joint Operating Committee. In 2005, Higginsville bestowed upon Buddy their valued "Citizen of the Year" award.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPUA member utility with special achievements or sustained performance improving the quality of life in its community</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should have achievement or sustained performance showing commitment by the utility and its employees to enhancing the quality of life in the community through activities that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. address a community need or improve the community's social, cultural, educational, or economic environment; and</li> <li>2. provide an opportunity for employee involvement.</li> </ol>
<b>Robert Williams System Achievement Award</b>		
<p>The System Achievement Award honors utilities for providing exceptional quality of improvements in service to its customers. It was renamed in honor of Robert Williams who retired from the City of Carthage after 17 years of service. He led CWEP in many advances, provided stability during the restructuring of the utility. Under Williams leadership, CWEP achieved the Reliable Public Power Provider designation and increased outreach efforts in the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An MPUA member utility providing exceptional quality of improvements in service to its customers</li> </ul>	<p>Nominees should have achievement or sustained performance that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. was widely recognized in the municipal utilities field;</li> <li>2. served to enhance municipal utility prestige;</li> <li>3. improved service to customer-owners; and</li> <li>4. represented an earnest, coordinated effort on the part of the utility.</li> </ol>
<b>Century Award</b>		
<p>Honoring MPUA member utilities that have served their consumers and communities continuously for 100 years. Please notify MPUA if your utility qualifies.</p>		
<b>Safety Award</b>		
<p>This award is presented as recognition of the recipients of the APPA Safety Award which emphasizes the importance of safe working habits, recognizing those utilities whose employees achieve particularly safe operations.</p>		
<b>RP3 Award</b>		
<p>This award is presented as recognition of the recipients of the APPA Reliable Public Power Provider award.</p>		

