



Kachina Award for Outstanding Service

AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Kachina Award for Outstanding Service is awarded to a person who has sustained notable outstanding service to the AZ Water Association.

BACKGROUND

The AZ Water Association has been recognizing its most devoted members with the Outstanding Service Award since 1987. In 2009, the award was renamed the “Kachina Award for Outstanding Service” to honor the heritage of the Association and its ties to the Hemis Kachina, the Hopi Indian spirit symbol attributed with the ability to bring rain.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee consists of the current selection committee chair, three to five of the previous award recipients, the AZ Water Awards Program Chair, and the Awards Program Committee Representative. The committee shall consist of at least five members. Additional representation from the AZ Water Board or Awards Program Committee may be added if needed.

Entry forms for the nominees are distributed to the selection committee for review and ranking. A conference call is scheduled to discuss the rankings and select an award recipient. For nominees who are not selected, the nomination can be resubmitted in subsequent years; however, a person can receive the award only once. Only one award may be given out each year. An award is not necessarily given out every year if a deserving award recipient cannot be selected from the field of nominees.

Once an award recipient has been selected, the selection committee chair contacts the nominator to request a biographical statement. The selection for the award recipient will then be unveiled at the annual conference.

[Note: The selection committee chair for this award rotates annually and is typically the most senior past award recipient on the committee]

GENERAL CRITERIA

A Nominee for the Kachina Award must be a member of the AZ Water Association in good standing. The nominee must meet the following evaluation criteria in order to be considered for the selection process:



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1. Twenty five (25) years active membership in AZ Water or a combination of twenty five (25) years member association membership which must consist of a minimum of fifteen (15) years AZ Water membership plus verifiable membership in one other member association with similar affiliations (e.g. AWWA, WEF) for a total of twenty five (25) years.
2. Sustained outstanding service to AZ Water while an active member.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations are accepted from the general membership and from the selection committee. In order to enter a nominee, complete all the fields of the Kachina Award for Outstanding Service Entry Form on the Awards Program Committee webpage. In addition, upload scanned copies of any supporting biographical or other material along with the entry form.

ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY

AWARD PRESENTATION

The award style is determined by the Awards Program Committee. The current award style is a mounted Hemis Kachina statuette.

The award is presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference by the Association President after the committee chair reads the biographical statement about the award recipient. Afterwards, a photo is taken of the award recipient with the AZ Water President.