

WIAWWA Awards and Recognitions



The WIAWWA Awards Committee analyzes potential award winners each year and announces the winners at the business meeting that takes place at our Annual Conference. Please consider nominating someone in the future for one of these awards!

GEORGE WARREN FULLER AWARD

1939	Leon A. Smith	1973	James Hornung	2006	Carrie Lewis
1940	Louis F. Warrick	1974	Phillip J. Utic	2007	Daniel Duchniak
1941	Arthur Kuranz	1975	Robert G. Jones	2008	Dan Lynch
1942	Walter A. Pierce	1976	Robert A.	2009	Don Swailes
1943	William H.		Baumeister	2010	Lawrie Kobza
	Gallaher	1977	Lloyd V. Owens	2011	Richard Hope
1944	Herbert H. Brown	1979	Larry Russel	2012	Nancy Quirk
1945	Joseph P. Schwada	1980	Robin E.	2013	Tony Averbeck
1947	James W. Myers, Jr		Middlemas	2014	Tom Krueger
1948	Jerome C. Zufelf	1981	Roger Lieding	2015	Joe Finn
1949	Harold L. Londo	1982	John Skorupski	2016	Kevin Richardson
1950	O. J. Muegge	1983	Edward Hawley	2017	Patrick Planton
1951	Albert F. Hintz	1984	Philip S. Davy	2018	Dave Lewis
1953	John J. McCarthy	1985	Ray Kocol	2019	Kelly Zylstra
1955	Henry E. Skibbe	1986	James W. Schulz	2020	Frank Miller
1956	James E. Kerslake	1987	Arthur J. Derse	2021	Rob Michaelson
1957	Dr. M. Starr	1988	Herbert A.	2022	Annette Stenzel
	Nichols		Schmidt	2023	Jodi Dobson
1958	Preston A.	1989	William F. Nabak	2024	John Richmond
	Reynolds	1990	Louis J. Schulze	2025	Mike Forslund
1959	Bruno J. Hartman	1991	James Kelly	2026	Angel Gebeau
1960	Harvey E. Wirth	1992	Thomas Konrad		
1961	Harry Breimeister	1993	O. Fred Struve		
1962	Leroy J. Beckman	1994	Don Ashbaugh		
1963	Zenno A. Gorder	1995	Joe Gehin		
1964	Arthur J. Jark	1996	Jim Treirweiler		
1965	Joseph H. Kuranz	1997	Brian Barrett		
1966	Thomas M.	1998	Michael Olesen		
	McGuire	1999	Nilaksh Kothari		
1967	Elmer Becker	2000	Charles Pierotti		
1969	Gilbert H. Ruston	2001	Jerald Groth		
1970	John Italiano	2002	Mike Clark		
1971	O. Fred Nelson	2003	Jim Chaffee		
1972	Archie E. Becher,	2004	Tony Myers		
	Jr.	2005	Mike Rau		

GIMMICKS AND GADGETS AWARD

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
2016 Mike Vassar, Stevens Point Utility
2017 Hank Wallenkamp, Brown Deer Water Utility
2018 Robert Klein, Baraboo Water Utility
2019 Waukesha Water Utility
2023 Andy Lorsung, Kenosha Water Utility; Kris Wondrash, Two
Rivers Water and Light

GOLDEN DROP AWARD

2004 Gilbert Greenwood
2005 Bill Cummins
2006 Paul Kuhn
2007 John Curtis, J. Robert Metz, O. Fred Nelson
2008 Robin Middlemas, Gus Strom
2009 John Mielke
2010 Victor Pfeiffer, Floyd Hohenstein, O. Fred Struve
2011 Kurt Bauer, Glenn Frank, William Knudsen, John
Skorupski
2013 Raymond Kocol
2014 William Boyle
2015 Thomas Chmura
2017 Stephen Morton
2018 Robert Baumeister
2019 Theodore Richards

HEROISM AWARD

1967 Martin Fenske, Wausau
1975 James Ksicinski, Milwaukee
1985 Edward Grosenick,
Reeseville
1985 Ron McGovern, Green Bay

JOHN LECHNER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (MAC AWARD)

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
2016 Tammie Stewart, Badger Meter
2017 Dale Marsh
2018 Dale Broeckert, L.W, Allen
2019 David Dodge, Adaptor, Inc.
2021 Kelsey Kaplan, Red Flint Sand & Gravel
2022 Eric Davenport, CDM Smith
2023 Doralee Piering
2024 Lila Johnson, Baxter & Woodman
2025 Joe Nepras
2026 Brittany Ahlgrimm

KEN MILLER FOUNDERS AWARD (WATER FOR PEOPLE)

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

LEON A. SMITH AWARD

1964 William Hammann	1973 Edwin A. Strey
1965 Leroy Beckman	1974 LaVern M. Nelson
1966 William Gallaher	1975 Robert G. Wolkowski
1967 Frederick J. Growth	1976 Donald Kindt
1968 John Italiano	1976 William Knudsen
1969 Arthur J. Jark	1977 Allen E. Patzke

1970	Dr. Gerald W. Lawton	1978	Michael C. Paley
1971	Archie E. Becher, Sr.	1979	Joseph Eggebeen
1972	Frances E. Underwood	1980	Ernest Mullen
1981	John Jurgenson	2002	Patrick Planton
1982	Robert Fuller	2003	Martin Glodoski
1983	Dorinda Turner	2004	Laura Daniels
1984	Brian S. Barrett	2005	Nancy Quirk
1985	Richard Jensen	2006	Roger Johnson
1986	Michael Olesen	2007	Reid Snedaker
1987	James Meyer	2008	Ann-Perry Witmer
1988	Charles Hasseldahl	2009	Tony Averbeck
1989	Joseph Gehin	2010	Amy Vaclavik
1990	Rod Nilles	2011	Kelly Zylstra
1991	William Hurley	2012	Dave Wasserburger
1992	Jim Treirweiler	2013	John Andersen
1993	Frances J. Connor	2014	Dale Marsh
1993	John Isleb	2015	Rosalind Rouse
1994	Mike Clark	2016	Deb Geier
1995	Charles Pierotti	2017	Michael Heyroth
1996	James Chaffee	2018	Jean Pucel
1997	Tony Myers	2019	Jon Strand
1998	Tom Krueger	2020	Abigail Cantor
1999	Kim Halverson	2021	Jodi Dobson
2000	Dave Wittig	2022	Al Larson
2000	Richard Stehmeier	2023	Mike Forslund
2001	Mike Rau	2024	David Dodge
		2025	David Beyer
		2026	Annette Stenzel

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

2004	Brian Barrett
2005	L.E. (Gene) Allen, Ralph Schroedel Jr., Richard Smith
2006	Robert D. Gibbon, Gregory L. Strayer, John C. Brogan, William F. Nabak, Robert F. Dickinson, Joe J. Leuck, Steven J. Quail, Frank C. Cali, Tom C. Kurtz
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, Carol Schaefer
 2015 Don Burns, Dennis Guelig, Carl Johnson
 2016 Dennis Saari
 2017 Christopher Kaempfer, Thomas Krueger, Reid Snedaker, Edward St. Peter
 2018 Stephan Brand, Daniel Butler, Larry Gotham, Trynal Nall, Edward Nevers, Michael Pollocoff, David Sasada, Mark Simon, Stephen Thompson
 2019 Tony Averbeck, John Boldt, Daniel Lynch, Kevin Richardson
 2020 Abigail Cantor, Dennis Cawley, James Chaffee, William Ericson, Pamela Gane, Richard Hope, Mike Raynovic, John Schafer, James Smith
 2021 Arthur Davies, Jerry Groth, Alan Larson, Mike Reynolds, Ted Schlueter
 2022 Steve Bruskiwicz, Thomas Roberts, Mike Reynolds
 2024 Patrick Planton, Kenneth Groesche Jr., William Spain

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1996 Joseph H. Kuranz	2003 O. Fred Nelson	2021 Tony Averbeck
1996 Arthur J. Derse	2004 James Schultz	2021 Laura Daniels
1997 Archie E. Becher, Jr.	2005 James Kelly	2021 Al Larson
1997 James Hornung	2006 Don Ashbaugh	2021 Patrick Planton
1997 Louis Schulze	2007 Charles Pierotti	2021 Rosalind Rouse
1998 John Italiano	2009 Roger Johnson	2022 Ross Blaha
1998 John Skorupski	2010 Joseph Gehin	2022 Joe Finn
1998 Gilbert Ruston	2011 Michael Clark	2022 David Goldapp
1999 Herbert Schmidt	2011 David Sheard	2023 Scott Maurer
1999 Edward Hawley	2013 William Nabak	2023 Nancy Quirk
2000 Robert Baumeister	2014 Tom Krueger	2024 Kevin Richardson
2000 Zenno A. Gorder	2015 Daniel Lynch	2024 John Anderson
2001 Leon A. Smith	2016 Jill Jonas	2024 Richard Hope
2001 Robin E Middlemas	2017 Reid Snedaker	2025 Keith Donner
2002 Thomas Konrad	2018 Amy Vaclavik	2025 Everett Russell
	2019 Norm Hahn	2025 Frank Miller
	2019 Larry Landsness	2025 Randy Dorn
	2020 Dave Lewis	2026 Michael Sullivan
	2020 Ed St. Peter	2026 Tom Johnson
	2020 Mark Johnson	2026 Daniel Duchniak

OPERATOR MERITORIOUS AWARD

1986 George Gruettner, Milwaukee
1987 Richard D. Boers, Wausau
1989 Herbert A. Schmidt, Racine
1990 Curt Weibel
1991 Randall Walenczyk, 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
2016 Mike Robe, Oak Creek Water & Sewer Utility
2017 Joe Myers, Appleton Water Utility
2018 Carl Juza, Green Bay Water Utility
2019 Bill Swearingen, Sheboygan Water Utility
2020 Paul Haugen, Germantown Water Utility
2021 Leland Anderson, Larosse Water Utility
2022 Daniel Welk, Milwaukee Water Works
2023 Bob Weinke
2024 Dennis VanDinter
2025 Dave Berg
2026 Bryan Anderson

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

2023 Greens Coulee 150,000 Gallon Water Reservoir | City of Onalaska and Short Elliott
Hendrickson Inc. (SEH)

2024 Great Water Alliance Program | Waukesha Water Utility, TYLin Greeley and Hansen
Water Solutions

PUBLICATIONS AWARD

2003-4 Greg Harrington

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION

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
2016 Bob Carlson
2017 Daniel Winkler
2018 Terry Siglinsky
2019 Robin Piper
2020 Carl Burmeister, Ed Frederick, Tim Frederick, Joseph Gorecki, Philip Greuel, Jeffrey Hauck, David Johnson, Patricia Klappa, Kenneth Meyer, Jeffrey Novak, Jeffrey Shackelford, Francis Skalecki, Marlon Taylor
2021 Douglas Fischer
2022 David Brunker

REGULATOR OF THE YEAR

2023 Kyle Burton, WDNR
2024 Becky Scott, WDNR

RESEARCH AWARD

1996 Jon Standridge	2016 Kenneth Potter
1997 Nilaksh Kothari	2017 Jill Jonas
1998 Jerry Selin	2018 Sharon Long
1999 Roger Johnson	2019 Henry Anderson
2001 Carrie Lewis	2020 Matt Ginder-Vogel
2003 Greg Harrington	2121 Dr. Brooke Mayer
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	

SERVICE TO THE WATER INDUSTRY AWARD

2003 Badger Meter

SILVER WATER DROP AWARD

- 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 Wellner
- 2016 Stephan Brand, Abigail Cantor, John Carlson, Robert Carlson, Patrick Carnahan, Warren Carter, Dennis Cawley, Lon Couillard, Arthur Davies, George Dejarlais, Gary Fenney, Bill Fleming, Pamela Gane, Scott Giese, M. Gradus, Tim Greene, Kenneth Groeschel, Gregory Harrington, Richard Hope, John Isleb, Thomas Jakubowski, John Jansen, Christopher Kaempfer, Michael Kosterman, Alan Larson, Michael Lewis, Paul McGinley, Linda Mohr, Keith Mueller, Thomas Nejedlo, Thomas Nennig, Edward Nevers, Paul Pavlik, Steven Peterson, Patrick Planton, Sandy Pocius, Nancy Quirk, Mike Raynovic, Mike Reynolds, Ronald Rieder, Gary Rosenbeck, John Schafer, Mark Schnidt, James Shaw, Mark Simon, James Smith, Reid Snedaker, Michael Soffel, Pamela Stokke-Ceci, Jeffrey Tschudy
- 2017 Patrick Francis, Thomas Grisa, Patrick Rezin, Thomas Roberts, Clifford White
- 2018 Daniel Birenbaum, Kevin Breit, Daniel Duchniak, Lawrie Kobza, Jane Mueller, Andy Mullendore, Jeffrey Roth, Scott Stearns
- 2019 Dennis Cindric, David Erickson, Thomas Ripp
- 2020 Gary Budysz, Kevin Even, Scott Freeman, Brian Hackman, Scott Osborn, Jon Strand, Dennis Webb, Jeffrey Williamson, Gary Ziegler
- 2021 Michael Carr, John Fales, Joe Finn, Michael Humcke, Robert Lui, Frank Miller, Joseph Morrissey, Patrick Pauly, Kenneth Scolaro, Kelly Zylstra
- 2022 Kathy Beduhn, Scott Beduhn, William Blashka, Howard Crofoot, Mark Davy, Thomas Grisa, Anthony Supinski, Joe Trueblood, Donald Voogt Daniel Welk, Earl Wildenberg
- 2023
- 2024 Bart Niles, David Lewis, Steven Kluesner, Irv Lupee, Chris Shaw, Jeffrey Starke
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SMALL SYSTEMS EXCELLENCE AWARD

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	2016	Village of Whiting
2000	Medford	2017	Village of Wrightstown
2001	West Salem	2018	Sparta Water Utility
2002	Kimberly	2019	Stratford Water & Electric Utility
2003	Mayville	2020	Rome Water Utility
2004	New London	2021	Dodgeville Water Utility
2005	Rice Lake	2022	City of Mondovi
2006	Union Grove	2023	City of Tomah
2007	Village of Pardeeville	2024	City of Adams
2008	Seymour		
2009	Darlington		

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

2009 Cudahy (Response to Patrick Cudahy Fire)

STEWARDS OF SAFE WATER AWARD

2002 Gerald Schwern, Walter Baehr, Vic Frank, Don Esche, Leon Engler, Carol Greenwood, Charles Parke, John Brogan, Kohn Neville, Charles Bradley, Robert Krueger, Roger Price, Earl Strick, Frank Jedda, George Hibbard, Birdell Brellenthin, Dan Hornung, James Marrow, Kevin Crawford, Gerald Wille, Ronald Callies, Raymond Burnside, William Kiley, Tom Moullette, Richard Moe, John Skorupski, Daniel Kojis, Rudy Meszaros, Fred Mantey, David Eckholm, Eugene Tubbs, Manning Kilton, Gerald Couri, Daniel Warren

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
2016 Christopher Blackburn
2017 Gary DeNamur, Stu Fett, Bill Miller
2018 Bill Carnell, Jerry Mellone, Gerry Van De Kreeke
2019 David Diedrich, Dan Hornung, Dave Luckow, Mark Seidl
2020 Kenneth Gehl
2021 Terry Thieme
2022 Mike Eberl
2023 John Heugel
2024 Paul Adamski

UTILITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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
2016 Milwaukee Water Works, Wauwatosa Water Utility
2017 Waukesha Water Utility
2018 Shorewood Water Works
2019 City of Appleton Water Utility
2020 Green Bay Water Utility, Milwaukee Water Works
2021 Eau Claire Waterworks
2023 Wausau Water Works
2024 City of Marshfield
2025 Oak Creek
2026 Sheboygan Water Utility

WATER EFFICIENCY AWARD

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
2016 City of Cudahy Water Utility
2017 Village of Howard
2019 Plymouth Water Utility
2021 Village of Plover
2022 Stoughton Water Utilities
2023 City of De Pere Water Utility.
2024 New London Utilities

WISCONSIN WATER FOR THE WORLD

2011 John Andersen
2013 Katie Karow
2014 Dixon Engineering, Inc.
2015 Ben Wood
2021 Jerry Groth, Al Larson, Ryan Wood

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AWARD

2005 Kelly Zylstra	2023 Brian Roemer
2006 Katie Edgington	2024 Shawn Smith
2007 Melissa Arnot	2025 Zach Pethan
2008 Kathy Beduhn	2026 Sydney Morgan
2009 Ben Wood	
2010 Kelly Olson	
2011 Angel Gebeau	
2012 Ryan Wood	
2013 Sarah Nunn	
2014 Dale Broeckert	
2015 Jason Bordewyk	
2016 Katie Gruber	
2017 Adam Breunig	
2018 Devin Booth	
2019 Hunter Cummins	
2020 Andrea Hay	
2021 Tia McCarthy	
2022 Nathaniel Ewanowski	