



## **Award Descriptions**

The MWEA Awards Program provides recognition opportunities in 30 award categories, encompassing all of the many areas of interest in the water environment profession, while at the same time creating meaningful awards that inspire and reflect outstanding character and performance. While our hope is to receive nominations in each of these categories, it is possible and even likely that not all categories will be awarded every year. Categorical criteria has been developed to promote consistency and to ensure that recipients are held to the highest standards of excellence.

## **WEF Awards**

- Arthur Sidney Bedell
- William D. Hatfield
- Laboratory Analyst Excellence
- Life Membership
- George W. Burke
- Quarter Century
- MA Service

*WEF Awards are listed as a matter of reference. For more information see the WEF Award booklet. Seven WEF award categories are presented at the MWEA Annual Conference. Additional awards are presented at the WEF National Conference.*

## **MWEA Awards**

- Collections Systems Professional of the Year
- Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental
- Donald M. Pierce
- Educational Professional of the Year
- Excellence in Service
- Executive Director Award
- Groundwater Management Professional of the Year
- Health & Safety Professional of the Year
- Health & Safety Award – Municipal
- Health & Safety Award – Industrial
- Honorary Membership
- Industrial Wastewater Treatment Professional of the Year
- IPP Professional of the Year
- James R. Rumsey
- Loring F. Oeming
- Maintenance Professional of the Year
- New Professional of the Year
- Operations Professional of the Year
- Outstanding Environmental Consultant
- Outstanding Environmental Engineer
- Outstanding Vendor Support
- PK Sarda Laboratory Professional of the Year
- Public Utility Management Professional of the Year
- President's Award
- Regulatory Professional of the Year
- Residuals Management Professional of the Year
- Sustainable Energy
- Watershed Management Professional of the Year
- Willard F. Shephard

## Nomination Review and Recommendation Responsibilities

### WEF Awards

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William D. Hatfield  
Laboratory Analyst Excellence  
Life Membership  
George W. Burke Jr.  
Quarter Century - Operators

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Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence  
Donald M. Pierce  
Educational Professional of the Year  
Excellence in Service  
Executive Director Award  
Groundwater Management Professional of the Year  
Health & Safety Professional of the Year  
Health & Safety Award – Municipal  
Health & Safety Award – Industrial  
Honorary Membership  
Industrial Wastewater Treatment Professional of the Year  
IPP Professional of the Year  
James R. Rumsey  
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Maintenance Professional of the Year  
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### Committee

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## **MWEA AWARDS (2016 Revision)**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Established: prior to 1982

Life Membership shall be extended to persons who have been members of the Association for at least thirty-five years, are at least 65 years old, and who have applied to the Association for Life Membership or have been nominated by the Awards Committee. The recipient of this honor shall be elected for life, shall not pay Association dues, and will receive without cost, those publications of the Association that the Board designates.

#### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Must have been a member of the Association for at least 35 years and shall be age 65 or older.
- III. Shall have applied for the membership or have been nominated by the Awards Committee.

#### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Life Members shall be eligible voting members.
- II. Life Members shall not pay Association dues.
- III. Life Members shall be elected for life, by unanimous vote of the Board.
- IV. WEF Life Members shall also become MWEA Life Members

### **COLLECTION SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (replacing the previous award titled "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year")

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in collections, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the water environment profession.

Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

#### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of collection system experience.
- III. Contributed to the advancement and understanding of collection system issues.

#### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Collection Systems Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Anyone working on a day-to-day basis in activities associated with the collection systems is eligible to receive this award.
- III. Priority is given to those nominees who possess a Collection System Certification.
- IV. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **DAN WOLZ CLEAN WATER AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE**

Established: 2007

The Environmental Distinction Award is the highest honor given by the MWEA. It is awarded to acknowledge a person of chief prominence in the water environment field. This award is reserved for recipients of admirable character who have demonstrated exemplary service to the MWEA and have made distinctive contributions to the water environment field.

Nominees for this award shall meet the following high standards:

### Criteria:

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Must have at least 10 years experience in the water environment field.
- III. Must have demonstrated leadership and innovation in the water environment field.

### Other Considerations:

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **DONALD M. PIERCE**

Established: 1976

This award is given to a municipal plant operator. It is presented each year to a worthy recipient who has demonstrated the ability to do an outstanding job at a municipal facility by producing a good effluent from a clean, orderly plant while interacting with employees and other operators for the betterment of the profession.

Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### Criteria:

- I. Nominee must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Must be a municipal plant operator with direct operational responsibility who has demonstrated outstanding performance and professionalism.
- III. The nominee should have contributed to the betterment of the profession through dissemination of information concerning advancements in the field and good public relations.

### Other Considerations:

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. This award is intended to honor an "Operator" who holds major responsibility for the operation of a municipal plant. However, eligibility is not limited to Superintendents.
- III. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in water resource education.

Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Contributions to the advancement and promotion of environmental education.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Youth Education Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. Anyone involved in water environment education is eligible to receive this award. Eligibility includes but is not limited to teachers in K-12, community college and university instructors, and other professionals involved in the educational instruction of students and/or the public.

## **EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE**

Established: 1994

To acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Association, this award will be presented annually to a member of the Association who is not involved in a leadership role but who has been very active behind the scenes to further the goals and the vision of the Association. The recipient shall be a person who has contributed significantly to the Association.

Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Shall be a person who has contributed significantly to the Association in a non-leadership role.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Established: 2015

To acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Association, this award may be presented annually by the MWEA Executive Director to a member of the Association who may or may not be directly involved in a leadership role. They will have made personal substantial and significant contributions well above and beyond any reasonable expectations and will have done so in a manner that may or may not be observable by the rank and file membership of MWEA.

## **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in groundwater management and groundwater protection. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Five years of experience in the water environment profession.
- II. Contributions to the advancement, protection, and understanding of groundwater issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Groundwater Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in Health & Safety, has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally, and has publicly promoted the Health & Safety Profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of experience in the area of safety & health.
- III. Made contributions to the advancement and understanding of health and safety issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Health & Safety Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. Any persons having responsibility and/or impact on health and safety programs can be eligible for this award. It does not have to be a person in a full time health & safety position.

## **HEALTH & SAETY PROGRAM (Small & Large Municipal)**

Established: 2002

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in a municipal wastewater treatment facility, as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented Health & Safety Program and the management and staff team who support, promote and cooperate in achieving the goal of a safe work environment.

### **Criteria:**

- I. At least one employee of the facility must be a member at the time of nomination.
- II. Well established and documented Health & Safety program.
- III. Program performance evaluation using trend analysis. Collection and use of injury data.
- IV. Cooperation with other organizations to promote safety.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Health & Safety Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page summary of the facility's Health & Safety Program, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. This is a municipal facility award. The award will be presented to a representative of the facility.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY AWARD (Industrial)**

Established: Revised 2002

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in an industrial wastewater treatment facility, as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented Health & Safety Program and the management and staff team who support, promote and cooperate in achieving the goal of a safe work environment.

### **Criteria:**

- I. At least one employee of the recipient facility must be a member at the time of nomination.
- II. Well established and documented Health & Safety program.
- III. Program performance evaluation using trend analysis. Collection and use of injury data.
- IV. Cooperation with other organizations to promote safety.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Health & Safety Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page summary of the facility's Health & Safety Program, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. This is an industrial facility award. The award will be presented to a representative of the facility. *(Industrial can be expanded to include any business other than municipal.)*

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Established: 1965

Honorary Membership is extended to persons who have proven their preeminence in the fields of activity encompassed by Association objectives and who have made exceptional contributions to the Association. The recipient of this honor shall be elected for life, shall not pay Association dues, and will receive without cost, those publications of the Association that the Board designates. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Shall be a person of acknowledged eminence in one or more fields of activity within the scope of the stated objectives of the Association.
- III. Shall have made significant, lasting and measurable contributions to the Association.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. The Past Presidents Committee shall suggest potential nominees. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee, and final selection is made by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
- II. Not more than two Honorary Members can be elected in any calendar year.
- III. Honorary Members living may not exceed a ratio of five (5) Honorary Members to every 100 eligible voting Members of the Association at the time of election.
- IV. Honorary Members shall be elected for life.
- V. Honorary Federation Members elected from this Association shall also be by their election Honorary Members of the Association.
- VI. Honorary Members shall be eligible voting members.

## **INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (replacing the previous award titled "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year")

Awarded to an operator of an industrial wastewater system who, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the profession of industrial wastewater treatment. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Five years of direct operational responsibility in industrial wastewater treatment.
- II. Contributions to the advancement and understanding of industrial wastewater treatment issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Industrial Waste Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. Priority is given to those nominees who possess certification as an Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

## **IPP PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (replacing the previous award titled “Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year”)

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in the Industrial Pretreatment Program, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the water environment profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of IPP experience.
- III. Contributed to the advancement and understanding of Industrial Pretreatment.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Industrial Pretreatment Program Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Anyone working on a day-to-day basis in activities associated with the Industrial Pretreatment Program is eligible to receive this award.
- III. Priority is given to those nominees who possess an Industrial Waste Inspector Certification.
- IV. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **JAMES R. RUMSEY**

Established: 1957

Awarded to the author(s) of the best paper describing work in the field of the water environment. The paper, to be of such quality as to merit recognition and must have been presented at the next previous annual meeting of the Association or Federation or published in an Association or Federation publication during the preceding year. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Nominee(s) must be a member(s) of the Association at the time of nomination. Co-authors of a jointly written paper can be nominated independently.
- II. All co-authors of the selected paper are eligible to receive the award.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, a copy of the paper, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **LORING F. OEMING**

Established: 1980

This award is given to an industrial plant operator. It is presented each year to a worthy recipient who has demonstrated the ability to do an outstanding job at an industrial facility by producing a good effluent from a clean, orderly plant while interacting with employees and other operators for the betterment of the profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be an industrial plant operator who has demonstrated outstanding performance and professionalism.
- II. The nominee should have contributed to the betterment of the profession through dissemination of information concerning advancements in the field and good public relations.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Industrial Pretreatment, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Any level of "Operator" is eligible for this award.
- III. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (replacing the previous award titled "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year")

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in maintenance, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the water environment profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of experience in the area(s) of electrical, instrumentation, and/or mechanical maintenance.
- III. Contributed to the advancement and understanding of maintenance issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Maintenance Committee, processed by the Awards Committee, and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Priority is given to those nominees who possess a Maintenance Certification.
- III. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **NEW PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (Changed from Young Professional of the Year in 2007)

Awarded to recognize outstanding dedication and commitment to the objectives of the Association by an individual who is relatively new to the water environment field. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Less than 10 years in the water environment profession.
- III. Contributions to the advancement and promotion of the water environment field.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations made by the Young Professionals Committee and will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **OPERATIONS PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (replacing the previous award titled "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year")

Awarded to an operator of a municipal wastewater treatment plant, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, who has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to MWEA, excelled professionally, consistently generated good quality effluent, and publicly promoted the profession of the wastewater treatment plant operator. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of experience in the operation of a municipal wastewater treatment plant.
- III. Contributed to the advancement and understanding of operations issues.
- IV. Must be a Certified Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Local Sections Committee, processed by the Awards Committee, and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Any level of "operator" is eligible to receive this award.
- III. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT**

Established: 2002

Awarded to a worthy individual who, has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally in the environmental consulting field, and has publicly promoted the water environment profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Five years of consulting experience and contribution to the water environment field.
- II. Made contributions to the advancement and understanding of water environment issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. Eligibility is open to all fields including but not limited to engineering, operations, etc.

## **OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER**

Established: 2002

Awarded to a worthy individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally in environmental engineering field, and has publicly promoted the water environment profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Five years of engineering experience and contribution to the water environment field.
- II. Made contributions to the advancement and understanding of water environment issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. Eligibility is open to all fields of engineering including, but not limited, to environmental, civil, etc.

## **OUTSTANDING VENDOR SUPPORT**

Established: 2002

Awarded to a worthy individual who has shown dedication to an employer and the MWEA through vendor support and has made contributions to the advancement and understanding of water environment issues. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of vendor participation and contribution to the water environment field.
- III. Made contributions to the advancement and understanding of water environment issues.
- IV. Contribution to the water environment field through the effective and original presentation of equipment, services and ideas.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **PK SARDA-LABORATORY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002 (replacing the previous award titled "Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year")

Awarded to an analyst who has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, consistently generated reliable data, and publicly promoted the profession of the laboratory analyst. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of direct analytical responsibility in an environmental laboratory.
- III. Contributions to public knowledge regarding the work of the analyst or to the professional growth of fellow analysts.
- IV. Consistent participation in a quality control program.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Laboratory Practices Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. This award is intended to be given to a professional working in the day to day business of wastewater analysis. An "analyst" may also include a chemist or lab supervisor.
- IV. Priority is given to those nominees who possess a Laboratory Analyst Certification

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Awarded to a worthy individual who, has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the community, has excelled in public utilities management, and has publicly promoted the water environment profession. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Five years of experience in the area of public utility management.
- II. Made contributions to the advancement and understanding of water environment issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- II. Eligibility is open to any person having made significant contributions to the management of a public utility.

## **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Established: 2015

To acknowledge extraordinary contribution to or example of stewardship to protect, preserve and enhance Michigan's water environment. Nominees put forth by the MWEA President for this award need not be members of MWEA. They could be an individual, group of individuals or an organization. They may have demonstrated exceptional creativity, public outreach, completion of an outstanding service project, sustained efforts and perseverance, or accomplished positive influence in area of regulation or legislation. The purpose of this award is to bring further attention to the great contribution and help the efforts and results become more widespread; leadership by example.

## **REGULATORY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Recognizes an individual for their outstanding regulatory role in the protection of the water environment and for fostering professional alliances to promote the need for effective water quality. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Five years of direct regulatory responsibility in the areas of water quality.
- II. Contributions to the advancement and understanding of regulatory issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. This award is intended to be given to a professional with responsibility of regulatory oversight (implementation and enforcement), including regulators at the federal, state and local levels. Persons having significant impact on a regulatory process such as a legislator, etc. may also be eligible.

## **RESIDUALS MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in the treatment and disposal of residuals, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the profession of the residuals management. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of direct operational responsibility in the treatment and disposal of residuals.
- III. Contributions to the advancement and understanding of residuals management issues.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations by the Biosolids Committee and will be processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Anyone involved in the day-to-day operations of residual management may be eligible for this award.
- III. Priority is given to those nominees who possess a Residuals Management Certification.
- IV. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

Established: 2015

Awarded to a facility that has taken the initiative to start and maintain an ongoing program of continuous improvement to reduce the energy intensity and the cost of operating the wastewater treatment plant.

### **Criteria:**

- I. Any municipal or industrial wastewater treatment facility in the State of Michigan.
- II. Demonstration of progress towards establishing an energy management plan and/or achieving significant progress towards the goals of that plan in a given year.
- III. The energy baseline and progress would be based on the Water Environment Federations Energy Roadmap - A Water and Wastewater Utility Guide to More Sustainable Energy Management.
- IV. Each nominee would document progress towards their goals. Members of the Sustainable Energy Committee would be available to provide assistance.

## **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Established: 2002

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in watershed management and watershed protection. Nominees for this award shall meet or exceed the following high standards:

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Five years of experience in the water environment profession.
- III. Contributions to the advancement, protection, and the understanding of watershed management.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations are accepted from the general membership. Recommendations will be made by the Watershed Committee, processed by the Awards Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for their endorsement.
- II. Nominator is required to submit a nomination form, one page biography of the nominee, and any additional supporting material including specific reasons for nomination.
- III. "Watershed Management" is intended to include all watershed related issues.

## **WILLARD F. SHEPHARD**

Established: 1999

Recognizes individuals who have completed 20 years of membership in the Association.

### **Criteria:**

- I. Must be a member of the Association at the time of nomination.
- II. Must have 20 years of membership in the Association.

### **Other Considerations:**

- I. Nominations and selections are processed by the Awards Committee. No vote is required by the Board.
- II. Since membership is the only requirement for this award, no additional nomination information is necessary.