

NMWWA AWARDS

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The NMWWA grants the listed awards at the Annual School Awards banquet held on the last week of January in Las Cruces. These awards are:

1. Good Housekeeping Awards (9)
2. Outstanding Operator Awards (5)
3. John Clark Award (1)
4. Charles Caldwell Award (1)
5. Max N. Summerlot Award (1)
6. Lifetime Awards
7. Caroline Martinez Achievement Award (1)
8. Section President's Award (6)
9. Special Awards
10. Cynthia Hiers-Robinson Outstanding Instructor of the Year (2)

Following is a breakdown of each award, the selection process, categories, and other information that may help in planning for these awards.

1. GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARD:

The Good Housekeeping Awards are presented in nine categories:

- a) Surface Water Treatment System (old & new)
- b) Ground Water Treatment System (old & new)
- c) Lagoon Wastewater Treatment System
- d) Mechanical Wastewater Treatment System (old & new)
- e) Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment System (old & new)

Procedure:

- a) Caroline will contact all section presidents around July asking for nominations. Each section must nominate their best (2) nominations from the above listed categories. Nomination dead-line is August 31.
- b) A good housekeeping tour of the nominated facilities must be arranged. This usually takes a week and two or three people do the tour. Tour is done in early October. The Good Housekeeping Chairman plans the tour.
- c) To make selection a "grading sheet" is used.
- d) The awards have traditionally been plaques.

2. OUTSTANDING OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The five categories of awards are:

1. Water Production Facility Operator
2. Water Distribution System Operator
3. Wastewater Collection System Operator
4. Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator
5. Lab Analyst Facility Operator

Procedure:

- a) Contact sections for nominations. Deadline: November 30.
- b) Select (1) from each category from the nominations received.

3. JOHN CLARK AWARD:

This is an award for outstanding contributions from a long time member of NMWWA. The selection is made by a committee comprised of the last 5 recipients.

Procedure:

- a) Contact past five recipients. The previous year's recipient functions as chairman.
- b) The last recipient has the traveling trophy and presents it along with a plaque at the banquet. (This award is kept secret. His or her spouse is invited to the banquet)

4. CHARLES CALDWELL AWARD:

This award is presented to a section that has had the highest percentage increase in membership for the year. This award is a plaque.

Procedure: Caroline will tally up the membership, by section.

5. MAX N. SUMMERLOT AWARD:

This award alternates between water and wastewater each year. It is given to the system that demonstrates excellence in the operations, maintenance, management, safety, and professionalism of the system. Criteria can be obtained from Caroline.

Nominations are due by August 31 and are solicited from the sections. State tour is done at same at time as the GHK.

6. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD:

Lifetime memberships are presented to members who have been members for 20 years and have been active in both the state & section. Nomination may be made by the Section or members. Confirmation will be made by an Executive Board majority.

Submission of nominations should be made by January 1st. A plaque will be given at the Awards banquet and member will no longer have to pay membership dues.

7. CAROLINE MARTINEZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Presented to an individual or facility that best demonstrates a significant or outstanding achievement or accomplishment during that year. An operator through his or her outstanding performance deserves commendation or a facility that has significantly improved has merit for nomination. The awards committee will review the nominations and make a final decision. Nominations may be sent in by a member or by a supervisor. Nominations must be sent in to Caroline by November 31.

8. SECTION=S PRESIDENT AWARD:

Presented to a water or wastewater facility that has demonstrated significant improvement during that year. Is selected by that year's Section President and a plaque is awarded at the Awards banquet. Nominations due by November 31.

9. CYNTHIA HIERS-ROBINSON OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Two awards are presented to 2 instructors that have demonstrated excellence in teaching at the three major schools. 1 in water & 1 in wastewater.

10. **SPECIAL AWARDS:** Consist of Certificates of Appreciation or other awards.

11. **PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** A plaque is presented to the past president.

