



PENNSYLVANIA SECTION

American Water Works Association

Awards Record for the Pennsylvania Section American Water Works Association

AWWA George Warren Fuller Award

The **George Warren Fuller Award** is awarded each year by AWWA to a member, who has been selected by the Section for "distinguished service in the water supply field and in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership of men and women in the Association which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller", one of America's most eminent engineers. Pennsylvania Award Recipients have been:

2025	Jim DeWolfe	State College	1991	Kenneth Baumann	Sharon
2024	Peter Lusardi	Carlisle	1990	Peter K. MacEwen	Thornton
2023	Liesel Gross	Allentown	1989	David J. Holley	Pottsville
2022	Howard Neukrug	Philadelphia	1988	John B. "Jack" Smith*	Carlisle
2021	Curt Fontaine	Greensburg	1987	James L. Long	Camp Hill
2020	Patricia Stabler	West Chester	1986	John J. Coles	Harrisburg
2019	Christopher Crockett	Philadelphia	1985	Robert A. Luksa*	Bryn Mawr
2018	Steve Tagert	Philadelphia	1984	Harry J. Borchers, Jr.	North Wales
2017	Gary Burlingame	Philadelphia	1984	William T. Morris	York
2016	Herbert Spencer	Shillington	1983	James V. LaFrankie	Williamsburg, VA
2015	John Muldowney, P.E.	Philadelphia	1982	Robert E. Harner	Hershey
2014	Patti Kay Wisniewski	Philadelphia	1981	Robert F. Walker	Philadelphia
2013	Russell C. Williams	Chester	1980	Grant A. Colton	Mars
2012	Serena A. DiMango	Hershey	1979	Melvin E. Hook	Pittsburgh
2011	Dr. Stanley States	Pittsburgh	1978	W. R. Maxwell, Jr.*	Wilkinsburg
2010	R. Lee Roberts	Darby	1978	Gerald C. Smith	Voorhees, NJ
2009	Gene Koontz	Camp Hill	1977	E. M. Jones*	Ardmore
2008	Jeffrey Hines	York	1976	Joseph F. O'Grady	Tarpon Springs, FL
2007	Deborah Lippert	Pittsburgh	1975	C. Robert Morris	Penllyn
2006	Aurel M. Arndt	Allentown	1974	Wallace E. DeArment	Youngstown, OH
2005	Brian S. Funkhouser	York	1973	Walter K. Morris	Hummelstown
2004	Richard R. Riegler	Bryn Mawr	1972	E. L. Bean*	Philadelphia
2003	Peter Lukens	North Wales	1971	G. H. Dann*	Bryn Mawr
2002	Robert W. Naef	Chester	1970	Victor A. Appleyard*	Chester
2007	William C. Kelvington	Hershey	1969	William T. Evans	Hermitage
2000	Kirby N. Pack	Harrisburg	1968	Kenneth E. Shull	Newtown Square
1999	William M. Kudaroski	Pittsburgh	1967	C. V. Roberts*	Darby
1998	Richard C. Neubauer	Hershey	1966	W. J. Murdoch*	Pittsburgh
1997	John H. Shadle, Jr.	Chambersburg	1965	Samuel S. Baxter*	Philadelphia
1996	Richard Cosentino	Pittsburgh	1964	F. O. Leopold*	Zelienople
1995	Frank A. Kohler	Pittsburgh	1963	E. H. Aldrich*	Philadelphia
1994	Stephen T. Semple	Greensburg	1962	L. S. Duckworth*	Lancaster
1993	Robert M. Ross	Hershey	1961	B. French Johnson*	New Castle
1992	Donald G. McCabe	Mt. Wolf	1960	F. S. Friel*	Philadelphia
1992	Thomas S. Ladue	Carlisle			

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AWWA Operator's Meritorious Service Award

To recognize special performance by operators for compliance with public health standards, plant maintenance, development of new ideas, training, and outstanding achievement beyond normal operating responsibilities. Pennsylvania Award Recipients have been:

2025	Daniel Rickard	Scranton	2001	David W. Raedler	East Greenville
2024	Thomas F. Brown	Johnstown	1999	Evan P. Fields	Coatesville
2023	Matthew Walborn	Sinking Spring	1998	Harty L. Dewar	Finleyville
2022	Gary Witmeyer (Retired)	Hershey	1998	Kenneth H. Lawrence	Oxford
2021	David E. Motherwell, Jr.	Erie	1997	Joseph A. Dinkel	Pittsburgh
2020	Martin Hozza	Northampton	1997	Robert L. Fohringer	State College
2019	Steve Bixler	Elizabethtown	1996	James F. Balliet	Allentown
2018	Richard Kotwica	Shamokin	1996	Donald W. Holbrook	Mechanicsburg
2017	Barry Wynn	Harrisburg	1995	Jack Mautino	Wilkinsburg
2016	Dan Standish	Harrisburg	1995	Ronald E. Deitch	Belle Vernon
2015	Cynthia G. Hitz (Posthumous)	Hershey	1994	William Brainer	Chester
2015	David Marozzi	Bristol	1994	John F. Rosa	Pittsburgh
2014	John Hartzell	Lansdale	1991	James E. Lewis	Sunbury
2013	William Castelli, Jr.	Greensburg	1991	John H. Hood	Grove City
2012	Michael McFadden	Carlisle	1990	Richard Bridger	Erie
2011	Larry Heck	Chambersburg	1990	Alan R. Hill	Allentown
2010	Jason Eves	Warrington	1989	Thomas L. Peto	Slickville
2009	Christopher Light	Greensburg	1988	Richard Herzog	Ridgway
2009	Curt Steffy	Bryn Mawr	1988	Gene R. Guthan	Bryn Mawr
2008	Wayne Letourneau	Chalfont	1987	David Barr	Altoona
2007	John Nadzam	Industry	1987	Clarence J. Lloyd	Chester
2006	Patricia P. Stabler	Chester	1986	Robert F. Carpenter	York
2005	John J. Bartol	Allentown	1986	Frank A. Richter	Beaver Falls
2004	Gino L. Bruni	Shenandoah	1985	Harold F. Shea	Pittsburgh
2003	Gordon R. Miller	Chester	1985	William C. Kohler*	Chambersburg
2002	John S. Poklemba	York			

Abel Wolman Award

An award of excellence that recognizes those whose career in the water works industry exemplifies vision, creativity, and excellent professional performance characteristic of Abel Wolman's long and productive career. Pennsylvania Award Recipients have been:

1999	Walter K. Morris	Hummelstown	1992	James V. LaFrankie	Williamsburg, VA
1993	Kenneth E. Shull	Newtown Sq.			

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AWWA Distinguished Public Service Award

This National award for **Distinguished Public Service** was established in 1951 to honor Harry E. Jordan, who served as Secretary of the Association from 1936 to 1959, and is presented in recognition of distinguished public service outside the line of duty by an AWWA member. Pennsylvania Award Recipients have been:

2002	William T. Morris	York	1992	Melvin E. Hook*	Pittsburgh
1993	Robert E. Harner	Hershey			

AWWA Rising Tide Award

The **Rising Tide award** is given to an individual (AWWA member under the age of 35) in the Pennsylvania Section who has made or continues to make a significant contribution to the advancement of young professionals in the Section and/or to the advancement of the Section as a whole. Pennsylvania Award Recipients have been:

2025	Sarah Folk	Camp Hill	2012	Suzanne Ciavola	Philadelphia
2024	No Award Given		2011	Sara Urbanczyk	Aston
2023	Kelly Kowalski	Bensalem	2010	Adrienne Nikolic	Philadelphia
2022	Kristin Wilkinson	New York, NY	2009	Andrew J. Arsenault	Philadelphia
2021	Kerri Murphy	Aston	2008	Amy Wiedlich Wilkes	Barre
2020	Caitlin Cavanagh	Philadelphia	2007	Sierra B. Dean	Merion Station
2019	Eloise Gibby	Philadelphia	2006	Joseph M. Nattress	Philadelphia
2018	Kelly Good	Philadelphia	2005	Ryan M. Ural	York
2017	Benjamin Deatrich	Philadelphia	2004	Steven E. Riley	Reading
2016	Micah Blate	Philadelphia	2003	Liesel M. Gross	Allentown
2015	Erin Threet	Lewisburg			
2014	Vincent Manners	Havertown			
2013	Ralph Wawrzyniakowski	Philadelphia			

AWWA Water Industry Hall of Fame

The **Water Industry Hall of Fame** was established in 1970 to perpetuate the memory of those both living and deceased, who have made significant contributions to the field of public water supply. The names of the members of the Hall of Fame are engraved on a bronze plaque at AWWA headquarters, and a plaque signifying membership is presented to the recipient. If deceased, the plaque is presented to the institution or organization with whom the member is identified. Pennsylvania Award Recipients have been:

			1988	Samuel S. Baxter*	Philadelphia
2017	R. Lee Roberts	Media	1980	Nicholas S. Hill, Jr.*	Philadelphia
1993	Kenneth E. Shull	Newtown Sq.	1980	John H. Murdoch, Jr.*	Philadelphia
1991	Charles V. Roberts*	Darby	1979	Rudolph Hering*	Philadelphia

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Pennsylvania Section – Samuel S. Baxter Award

In honor of Samuel S. Baxter, former Commissioner of Water for the City of Philadelphia, President of the American Water Works Association and recognized leader in the water works industry, the Pennsylvania Section of AWWA has established this annual award to a section member for outstanding personal service in the water supply field and in commemoration of leadership in the development of safe public water system facilities, the advancement of improved water supply practices, the promotion of a water works industry of high esteem, and service to the American Water Works Association. Award recipients have been:

2025	Daniel Cargnel	Baltimore, MD	2003	Stanley J. States	Pittsburgh
2024	Douglas Komandt	Pittsburgh	2002	William C. Kelvington	Hershey
2023	Paul Vojtek	Erie	2001	Robert W. Naef	Chester
2022	Herbert Spencer	Shillington	2000	William T. Morris	York
2021	Serena DiMagno*	Reading	1999	William Kudaroski	Pittsburgh
2020	Raymond Delo	Harrisburg	1998	John B. 'Jack' Smith*	Carlisle
2019	Debra McCarty	Philadelphia	1997	Bruce S. Aptowicz	Philadelphia
2018	Paul Zielinski	Harrisburg	1996	Robert F. Walker	Philadelphia
2017	Anthony Bellitto	Lansdale	1995	Robert M. Ross	Hershey
2016	Curt Fontaine	Greensburg	1994	Thomas S. Ladue	Carlisle
2015	Russell Williams	Chester	1993	Kenneth W. Baumann	Sharon
2014	Steve Tagert	Bryn Mawr	1992	David J. Holley	Pottsville
2013	Gene Koontz	Harrisburg	1991	James L. Long	Camp Hill
2012	Patti Kay Wisniewski	Philadelphia	1990	Gerald C. Smith	Vorhees, NJ
2011	Mark Nicely	Pittsburgh	1989	Peter K. MacEwen	Thornton
2010	Aurel M. Arndt	Allentown	1988	Robert A. Luksa*	Bryn Mawr
2009	Deborah Lippert	McMurray	1987	Melvin E. Hook	Pittsburgh
2008	Joseph Simatic	Jefferson	1986	Robert E. Harner	Hershey
2007	Jeffrey R. Hines	York	1985	William T. Evans	Hermitage
2006	Brian S. Funkhouser	York	1984	Kenneth E. Shull	Newtown Square
2005	Peter Lukens	North Wales	1983	Water K. Morris	Hummelstown
2004	John J. Muldowney	Philadelphia			

AWWA Membership Diamond Pin Club

Honors members who have made outstanding contributions to AWWA's growth by recruiting 25 individual active (or equivalent) members within any two-year period.

David J. Holley , Schuylkill County Municipal Authority
Melvin E. Hook* , R & D Engineering PC
Tracy L. Sarris , PA Section – AWWA
Robert F. Walker , Philadelphia Water Department (Retired)

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PA Section Special Recognition Award Recipients:

2025	2015
Christine Gunsaulus , The Tank Queen LLC	Patricia Stabler , West Chester
Paul Handke , Process Applications, INC	Howard Neukrug , Philadelphia Water Department
Scott Russell , Buchart Horn	Paul Vojtek , Erie Water Works
2024	2014
L.E. 'Chip' Bilger , Western Berks Water Authority	Tom Kiely , Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Barry Herr , Partnership for Safe Water	Deb Rotz , PA-DEP
James DeWolf , Hazen and Sawyer	Dave Pyrz , Pyrz Water Supply, Inc.
2023	2013
Peter Lusardi , GHD, Inc.	Donald Lichty , Allentown Bureau of Water Resources
Dan Preston , North Penn Water Authority	Eric Fox , A.C. Schultes, Inc.
Craig Palmer , Erie Water Works	Tex Enoch , Induron Protective Coatings
2022	2012
Rachel Beam , PA American Water	Steve Tagert , Aqua PA
Kevin Anderson , Dept. of Environmental Protection	Kirby Pack , United Water Pennsylvania
Thomas Walski , Bentley Water Systems	Robert Schnitzler , PA American Water
2021	2011
Ed Chescattie , Dept. of Environmental Protection	Joseph Feola , Norristown
John Brady , Entech Engineering	Barry Spiegel , Hach Co.
14th Quartermaster Detachment , Greensburg, PA	Kate O'Neill , Partnership for Safe Water
2020	2010
Douglas Komandt , Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint WA	Brion Johnson , PENNVEST
Steven Riley , Entech Engineering	Patti Kay Wisniewski , Philadelphia
Daniel Standish , SSM Group	Michael D. Klein , Harrisburg
2019	2009
Liesel Gross , Lehigh County Water Authority	Diane Cox , PA-AWWA
Jeffrey Golding , Gannett Fleming, Inc. (Retired)	Craig Kern , Erie City Water Authority
Dr. Jeanne M. VanBriesen , Carnegie Mellon Univ.	Yuefeng Xie , Penn State Harrisburg
2018	2008
Charlie Liu , BCM Engineers	Keith Johnston , Chester Water Authority
Eric Ross , Milliron & Goodman Gov't Relations	Betty DeBuono , North Wales Water Authority
George Hart , Bankson Engineers	Thomas Stehle , Valencia, PA
2017	2007
Tim Trout , Ferguson Water	Chris Crockett , Philadelphia Water Dept.
Bob McIntyre , Stone Hill Contracting	Herb Spencer , Shannon Chemical Corp.
Carol Paul , Greenville Water Authority	Robert Smith , Partnership for Safe Water
2016	2006
Jack Walter , Retired, Meadville, PA	Preston Luitweiler , Aqua America
Tony Bellitto , North Penn Water Authority	Louis P. Tschachler , PA American Water Co.
Michael Snyder , PaWARN/PA-AWWA	Frederick A. Marrocco , PA-DEP
Don Hershey , PA-AWWA	Gary A. Burlingame , City of Philadelphia

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2005	2001
Robert Carpenter , York Water	Thomas Yohe , Bryn Mawr
Theodore Veresink , PA-DEP	2000
William Dever , PA-DEP	James L. Long , Gannett Fleming, Inc. (Retired)
2004	2001
Richard Rogers , EPA - Region III	1999
Mark Johnson , PA-DEP	Serena DiMagno , DiMagno & Associates
Donald Holbrook , PA American Water Company	Robert A. Croker , PA American Water Company
2003	2001
Phil Consonery , PA-DEP	1998
David Plank , PA-DEP (Retired)	Robert F. Walker , Phila. Water Dept. (Retired)
Morrison Coulter , Aqua Pennsylvania	John (Jack) B. Smith* , Gannett Fleming (Retired)
2002	
Gene Koontz , Gannett Fleming, Inc	
Stanley States , Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority	

AWWA Membership Ambassador Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership recruiting. The recruiter must earn 500 points of which at least half must represent individual active or operations/ administrative members.

David J. Holley, Schuylkill County Municipal Authority

Melvin E. Hook*, R & D Engineering PC

Robert F. Walker, Philadelphia Water Department (Retired)

AWWA Victor A. Appleyard Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership recruiting.

2019	Steven C. Bixler	Elizabethtown	2010	No Award	N/A
2018	No Award	N/A	2009	Steven C. Bixler	Elizabethtown
2017	No Award	N/A	2008	Lawrence Kowatch	Somerset
2016	William McKeon	Thaddeus Stevens	2007	Donald Hershey	PA-AWWA
2015	Dr. Yuefeng Xie	Middletown	2006	Donald Hershey	PA-AWWA
2014	Dr. Yuefeng Xie	Middletown	2005	Dalvin Krug	York Water Co.
2013	Richard Bartoletti	Jefferson	2004	Yuefeng Xie	Middletown
2012	Steve Gohn	East Hempfield	2003	Dave Eisenberger	City of Harrisburg
2011	Lawrence McNamee	Easton	2002	Melvin E. Hook*	R & D Engineering

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Gold Water Drop Award

The **Gold Water Drop Award** recognizes those individual members who have provided valuable service and support for AWWA programs and goals through their long-standing Association membership equal to 50 years.

2025	Dennis Beck	Portage	2009	Richard T. Dobson	Altoona
2025	Bevin Beaudet	Bethlehem	2009	Paul K. Harmony	North Wales
2024	No Award Given		2009	Robert L. Johnson	Chester
2023			2009	Donald S. Lichtry	Allentown
2022	Grant A. Colton Jr.	Cranberry Twp.	2009	Gerald C. Smith	Belle Vernon
2021	Robert W. Naef	Chester	2008	Shifflet L. Bradley	New Cumberland
2020	Fred R. Gaines	Warrington	2008	Wesley O. Pipes	Philadelphia
2020	Peter K. MacEwen	Glen Mills	2008	Theodore J. Caridis	Pittsburgh
2020	W. Griffith Smith*	Radnor	2007	Albert Zimmerman	Southampton
2019	William Eberhardt	Northumberland	2007	William K. Nagel	Southampton
2019	Richard H. Moser	Southampton	2007	George W. Keith	Pittsburgh
2018	Edmund Taylor	Mt. Lebanon	2007	Donald K. Jones	Pottstown
2017	Thomas Reilly	Pittstown	2007	Walter K. Morris	Palmyra
2017	Robert Stark	Camp Hill	2006	C. Robert Morris	Ocean View, NJ
2017	George Johnstone	State College	2006	Robert E. Harner	Hershey
2016	James Niece	Allison Park	2005	Herbert L. Plowman	Media
2016	James L. Long	Mechanicsburg	2005	Clyde M. McBride	Naples, FL
2015	Richard Johnson	Lancaster	2005	Harry J. Borchers	North Wales
2015	Laurence Sheker	Camp Hill	2005	Melvin E. Hook*	Pittsburgh
2014	John Constantino	Littlestown	2004	John B. Atherholt	Conshohocken
2014	Robert Borst	Chester	2004	Donald H. Craik	Gilbertsville
2013	John Constantino	Littlestown	2004	Glenn B. Gilbert	State College
2013	Robert Borst	Chester	2004	Leslie C. Krusen	Saylorburg
2011	William J. Braner	Freedom	2004	Daniel E. Troxell	New Castle
2011	Robert D. Eckelbarger	Emlenton	2003	John B. Nesbitt	State College
2011	Theodore A. Fithian	Bradfordwoods	2001	Harold Pfeimer	Wyomissing
2011	Walter E. Hoover, Jr.	Exton	2001	G.T. Cameron	Cherry Tree
2011	John S. Kassee	Lancaster	2001	Harry R. Halloran	Bala Cynwyd
2011	L. Robert Kimball	Ebensburg	2001	Walter A. Lyon	Camp Hill
2010	Weldon Harris	Perkasie	2001	C.T. Beechwood	Huntingdon Valley
2010	Frank Kohler	Pittsburgh	2001	William T. Evans	Hermitage
2010	Bernard Maccabe	Pittsburgh	2001	Roy F. Weston	West Chester
2010	G.B. Parker	Tyrone	2001	Paul G. Dannels	Rockwood
2010	Robert Smith	Blue Bell	2001	Charles Kunkle, Jr.	Johnstown
2010	Robert Walker	Philadelphia	2001	Herbert L. Walborn	Temple
2009	Robert L. Bush	Bellwood			

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PA Section ~ AWWA Honorary Members

This award is presented each year to individuals "whose knowledge and accomplishments in the field of water supply entitle him/her to special recognition." An Honorary Member shall have all the rights and privileges of an Active Member and shall be exempt from paying dues.

2005	Gerald F. Connell , Consultant	1979	Walter K. Morris (Retired)
2001	James L. Long , Gannett Fleming (Retired)	1978	Thomas C. Earl (Retired)
2000	Howard M. Newkrug , Phila. Water Dept.	1975	Grant A. Colton , GA Industries, Inc.
1997	Joseph A. Dinkel , West View Water Authority	1973	J. J. Barr, Sr.*
1994	Robert E. Harner (Retired)	1973	Charles V. Roberts*
1992	William J. Marrazzo , WHYY, Inc.	1972	Joseph F. O'Grady (Retired)
1990	Gerald C. Smith (Retired)	1972	Kenneth E. Shull (Retired)
1984	Melvin E. Hook* , R & D Engineering PC		
1984	Dr. Ruth Patrick , Acad. of Natural Science		
1981	C. Robert Morris (Retired)		

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