

2008 AWARD WINNERS!

Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence

It 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.

2008 Winner and First Recipient: Corky Overmyer

Donald M. Pierce Award

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.

2008 Winner: Steven Washburn

Honorary Membership

Awarded to a worthy individual who has proven their preeminence in the fields of activity encompassed by Association objectives and who has made exceptional contributions to the Association.

2008 Winner: Jimmy Spangler

Collection Systems Professional 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.

2008 Winner: William Shaffer

Educational Professional of the Year

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

2008 Winner: Christine Spitzley

Groundwater Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in groundwater management and groundwater protection issues.

2008 Winner: John Paquin

Health & Safety Professional of the Year

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

Excellence in Service Award

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.

2008 Winner: Wayne Kukuk

IPP Professional 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.

2008 Winner: Michael Andrews

Jack H. Wagner Scholarship

Awarded to a Michigan student who is enrolled in a degree program in engineering, public health, or the natural sciences who intends to pursue a career in the water environment field.

2008 Winner: VALERIE FUCHS, Michigan Technological University

James R. Rumsey Award

Awarded to the author(s) of the best paper describing work in the water environment field. The paper is 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.

2008 Winners: Allen Gelderloos

John P. Hennessey Scholarship

Awarded to a Michigan student who is enrolled in a degree program in engineering, public health, or the natural sciences who intends to pursue a career in the water environment field.

2008 Winner: Elodie Pasco, Michigan State University

Loring F. Oeming Award

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2008 Winner: Elizabeth Lawson

Outstanding Environmental Engineer

Awarded to a worthy individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally, and has publicly promoted the water environment profession.

2008 Winner: John Porter

Outstanding Vendor Support

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.

2008 Winner: Jayne Rauch

Operations Professional 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.

2008 Winner: Douglas Koss

Public Utility Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who, has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has efficiently run a public utilities department, has excelled professionally, and has publicly

Profession.

2008 Winner: Scott Robinson

Health & Safety Award-Industrial

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.

2008 Winner: Allied Paper

Health & Safety Award-Municipal

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.

2008 Winner:

Grosse Ile Township WWTP

Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers

Awarded for outstanding, meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to those elevated to the highest level of the sludge bed, with all the honor, atmosphere prerequisites and dignity appertaining thereto.

2008 Inductees:

**Kevin Chandler
Thomas Mackenzie
Dave Vago**

Maintenance Professional 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.

2008 Winner: Freeman Adkins

MWEA Service Awards

2008 Winner:

Steve Aiken, Outgoing Membership Director
Jeanette Best, Outgoing Federal Delegate
Larry DeLong, Outgoing Local Section Director
Ed Mahaney, Outgoing President
Bob Scheuerman, Outgoing Assist. Secretary/Treasurer

Outstanding Environmental Consultant

Awarded to a worthy individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally, and has publicly promoted the water environment profession.

2008 Winner: Dave Vago

Watershed Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in watershed management and watershed protection issues

2008 Winner: Dan Christian

promoted the water environment profession.

2008 Winner: Charles Ken Kohs

Williard F. Shephard Award

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

2008 Winners:

**Dale Avery
Ray Barley
John Barszewski
Richard Baxter
Jeanette Best
Charles Bugeja
Kevin Chandler
Robert Coulter
Sandra Diorka
Sue Foune
Lonny Freed
George Freiberg
Richard Grant
Steven Kuplicki
John Mac Donald
Dan Meads
Bruce Merchant
Kenneth Miler
Robert Monroe
Marcus Moore
John O'Brien
Charles Peterson
Robert Poglits
James Rabine
James Ridgway
David Rigel
Daniel Robinson
Deborah Rondon
David Taylor
Dave Vago
Paul Vogel**

WEF Awards

Arthur Sidney Bell Award

Awarded to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Michigan Association.

2008 Winner: Steve Aiken

Quarter Century Operators' Club Award

Recognizes someone who has been engaged in treatment plant operation on a full-time basis for 25 years.

**2008 Winner:
Gary DeKock**

William D. Hatfield Award

Given to operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.

2008 Winner: Joseph Goergen

Life Memberships

Granted to an individual who is at least 65 years old and has been a dues-paying WEF and Member Association(s) member for 35 years.

**2008 Winners:
JOHN DOWSON, Member Since 1964**

