

# 2011 MWEA AWARD WINNERS

## MWEA AWARDS

### **Collection Systems Professional of the Year**

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

**2011 Winner: Scott Roselle**

### **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.

**2011 Winner: Jeanette Best**

### **Donald M. Pierce**

Awarded to a municipal plant operator who has demonstrated the ability to do an outstanding job at a municipal facility by producing a good effluent from a clean, orderly plant.

**2011 Winner: William Kaiser**

### **Educational Professional of the Year**

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

**2011 Winner: Mary Jane Robinson**

### **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.

**2011 Winner: Bill Gramlich**

### **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.

**2011 Winner: Christine Kosmowski**

### **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 Profession.

**2011 Winner: Marion "Mac" McLemore**

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### **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.

**2011 Winner: L3 Communications CPS operated by United Water**

### **Health & Safety Award-Municipal**

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in a small and large 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

**2011 Winner:**

**(Small) Waterford Township  
(Large) City of Kalamazoo**

### **Honorary Membership**

Extended to person(s) 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.

**2011 Winner: Keith McCormack**

### **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.

**2011 Winner: Daveda Quinn-Shelton**

### **Industrial Waste Professional 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.

**2011 Winner: Michael Ringelberg**

### **James R. Rumsey**

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

**2011 Winner:  
Thomas DeLaura**

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### **Loring F. Oeming Award**

Awarded to an industrial plant operator 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.

### **Maintenance Professional of the Year Award**

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

**2011 Winner: Harry C. Farley**

### **New Professional of the Year Award**

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.

**2011 Winner: Brian Hannon**

### **Operations Professional of the Year Award**

Awarded to an operator of a municipal wastewater treatment plant, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, who has displayed dedication to an employer and the MWEA, excelled professionally, consistently generated good quality effluent and publicly promoted the profession of wastewater treatment.

**2011 Winner: Patrick Rivera**

### **Outstanding Engineer in the Field**

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

**2011 Winner: Tim Sullivan**

### **Outstanding Environmental Consultant**

Awarded to a worthy individual who has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally in the environmental consulting field, and publicly promoted the water environment profession.

**2011 Winner: Nicole Spieles**

### **Outstanding Vendor Support**

Awarded to an 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.

**2011 Winner: JGM Valve**

### **PK Sarda-Laboratory Professional of the Year**

Awarded to an analyst who 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.

**2011 Winner:  
David Johnson**

### **Public Utility Management Professional of the Year**

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

**2011 Winner:  
Scott Boshart**

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### **Regulatory Professional of the Year**

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.

**2011 Winner:  
Bill Creal**

### **Residuals Management Professional of the Year**

Awarded to an 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 the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the profession residuals management.

**2011 Winner:  
Ken Herman**

### **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.

**2011 Inductees:**

**Tom DeLaura, Mary Jane Robinson, Dave VerHoef**

### **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.

**2011 Winner:  
Lynne Seymour**

### **Willard F. Shephard Award**

To recognize individuals who have completed 20 years of membership in the MWEA.

**2011 Winners:**

**Allen Gelderloos  
Dale Labelle  
Daniel Schechter  
Dennis Benoit  
Eric Jones  
Firooz Fath Azam  
Frank Martin  
James Pistilli  
James Sherrill  
James Soper  
Joe Hebert  
Kevin Fauka  
Larry Horn  
Marie Davis  
Mark Mundt  
Michael Ringelberg  
Perry Thomas  
Raymond Dickinson  
Richard Bigham  
Rick Stier  
Robert Hilla  
Robert O'Day  
Rohit Trivedi  
Ron Janssen  
Sherrie Elliott  
Stephen McGowan  
Thomas Kent  
Thomas Larder  
William Hansen**

## WEF AWARDS

### **Arthur Sidney Bedell Award**

To acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the member association.

**2011 Winner:  
Ed Mahaney**

### **George W. Burke Jr. Safety Award**

Recognizes a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for establishing and maintaining an active and effective safety program.

**2011 Winner:  
United Water – Wixom, MI Operation**

### **Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award**

Recognizes individuals for their outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analyst profession.

**2011 Winner:  
Sandra Buchner**

### **WEF Life Membership**

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.

**2011 Winners:  
Carl Huber, Brad Behrman, John Racek**

### **William Hatfield Award**

Recognizes operators of wastewater facilities and are doing an outstanding job in performance of their duties.

**2011 Winner:  
Earl Kenzie**

## WEF AWARDS

### **WEF Outgoing Delegate Award**

Recognizes individuals for their outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions as a delegate to the Water Environment Federation.

**2011 Winner:  
N/A**

### **WEF Service Award**

This award recognizes outstanding work by retiring directors on the association's Board of Directors.

**2011 Winners:  
Myron Erickson  
Laura Gruzowski  
Christine Kosmowski  
Tim Lynch**