

2012 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.

2012 Winner: Harry Price

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.

2012 Winner: Paul Freedman

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.

2012 Winner: Duane Dressler

Educational Professional of the Year

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

2012 Winner: DWSD Workgroup

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.

2012 Winner: Mary Lenardson

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.

2012 Winner: Kelly Hon

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.

2012 Winner: Steve Barnard

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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.

2012 Winner: No Award Recipient

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

2012 Winner:

**(Small) Lowell WWTP, Operated by United Water
(Large) Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority**

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.

2012 Winner: Larry Woodard

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.

2012 Winner: Aaron Vis

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.

2012 Winner: Dave Ostindie

James R. Rumsey

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

2012 Winner:

Christine Kosmowski & Cheryl Vosburg

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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.

2012 Winner: Wendell Arney

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.

2012 Winner: Josh Redner

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.

2012 Winner: Keith Moss

Outstanding Environmental Engineer

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.

2012 Winner: Rich Grant

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.

2012 Winner: John Racek

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.

2012 Winner: Jennifer Zelski, Kennedy Ind.

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.

2012 Winner: Tom Robinson

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.

2012 Winner: Greg Tatara

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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.

**2012 Winner:
Jim Johnson**

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.

**2012 Winner:
Kari Saganski**

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.

**2012 Inductees:
Jim King, Mike Lunn, Tim Sikma**

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.

**2012 Winner:
Sandra Diorka**

Willard F. Shephard Award

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

2012 Winners:

**Scott Anderson
Jeffery Blackmer
Janis Bobrin
Terry Engelhardt
Thomas Grant
Randy Hamlett
David Harvey
Matthew Hosier
George Karmo
Mary Lendarson
Brad Lyons
Michael Rampanelli
Todd Steinbach
Thomas Wilson**

WEF AWARDS

Arthur Sidney Bedell Award

To acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the member association.

**2012 Winner:
Fred Cowles**

George W. Burke Jr. Safety Award

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

**2012 Winner:
Lowell WWTP, Operated by United Water**

Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award

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

**2012 Winner:
No Recipient**

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.

**2012 Winners:
Phillip Gerwert**

William Hatfield Award

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

**2012 Winner:
Robert Hilla**

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WEF Outgoing Delegate Award

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

**2012 Winner:
Christine Kosmowski**

WEF Service Award

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

**2012 Winners:
Joe Keefe
Michelle LaRose
Kari Saganski**

WEF Public Officials Award (2011)

This award recognizes an elected or appointed official that has made a documented, significant contribution in the areas of clean water legislation, public policy, government service, or another area of public prominence that resulted in improvements to the water environment.

Congressman John Dingell