

Annual Fall Awards

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Dr. A. P. Black Award

In honor of Dr. A. P. Black, the Operator's Association selects an Operator in Water, an Operator in Wastewater, and a Systems Operator, including stormwater and reclaimed water systems operators, whose outstanding personal performance is deserving of special recognition by the Board of Directors, as set forth below:

- Recognized individual service to the Association,
- Work done for fellow operators/systems operators,
- Outstanding (or exceptional under trying conditions) system operation, and
- Personal achievement.

Each regional director may submit a name for each category – Water, Wastewater, or Systems Operator. The selection committee shall consist of the Officers of the Board of Directors.

Emory Dawkins Award

This award, established in 1990, is named for Emory Dawkins, who worked many years as the editor of the *OVERFLOW* and the *FLORIDA WATER RESOURCES JOURNAL* - the official publication of the FW&PCOA, FSAWWA, and FWEA.

The submittal for this award consists of all the newsletters written during the twelve months of the previous fiscal year, to the Awards Committee Chair. The criteria used to determine the best submittal will include:

- The number of issues during the year.
- Total editorial content, which is the total pages per year less ads and blank space, if the blank space is a significant portion of a page.
- Information content, which is information about what has happened in the region or outside the region. Discounted are notices of upcoming events, lists of officers, location maps, jokes, registration forms, job openings and logos.
- Attractiveness, which includes layout aesthetics, reproduction quality, paper quality, type
 quality, and use of artwork (especially original artwork). This criterion could be divided into a
 number of sub-criteria, each with relatively few points, which is why when grouped together
 the attractiveness criterion shows more points than the other criteria.

It must be noted that any use of copyrighted material without permission will result in disqualification.

Raymond Bordner Award (Senior Systems Operators)

This award, established in 1990 and named in 2017 in honor of FW&PCOA Systems Operator Committee Chairman Raymond Bordner, honors Systems Operators, in both water distribution and wastewater collection, who have more than ten years of experience and whose outstanding personal performance is deserving of special recognition by the Board of Directors, as set forth below:

- Recognized individual service to the Association,
- Work done for fellow operations/systems operators,
- Outstanding (or exceptional under trying conditions) system operations, and



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Personal achievement.

Each regional director may submit one name for a Water Distribution System Operator and one for a Wastewater Collection System Operator. The selection committee shall consist of the Officers of the Board of Directors.

Nathan Pope Award (Stormwater)

The Nathan Pope Award is conferred on a person who has displayed dedication to the Stormwater programs in the State of Florida through the FW&PCOA. The FW&PCOA Stormwater Committee Chair, with assistance from the Association President and past award recipients, receives nominations and determines the award recipient. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- Must be a current member of the FW&PCOA.
- Candidate must possess a current certificate in Stormwater operations.
- Instructed in the Stormwater programs consisting of the C, B, and A levels.

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Prepared, coordinated and made public presentations to the communities on the protection of the water and its environment through Stormwater protection.

Theodore Kamien Award (Backflow and Cross Connection Control)

The Theodore Kamien Award is conferred on a person who has displayed dedication to the Backflow and Cross-Connection Control programs in the State of Florida through the FW&PCOA. The FW&PCOA Backflow Committee receives the nominations and determines the award recipient. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- Must be a current member of the FW&PCOA.
- Candidate must possess a current certificate in Backflow Testing and/or Repair and Maintenance.
- Instructed in the Cross-Connection Control programs consisting of Backflow Tester, Backflow Repair and Maintenance, or Cross-Connection Control Management.

or

Prepared, coordinated and made public presentations to the communities on the protection of the water and its environment by conducting Cross-Connection Control programs and the necessary involvement needed by the consumers.

Robert E. Heilman Award (Industrial Pretreatment)

The Robert E. Heilman Award is conferred on a person who is involved in an Industrial Pretreatment Program, who has demonstrated excellence of performance, and who has shown dedication, commitment and an innovative approach to the Industrial Pretreatment Program in Florida above and beyond the requirements of the regulations. The FW&PCOA Industrial Pretreatment Committee receives the nominations and determines the award recipient.



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Joseph V. Towry Award (Reclaimed Water)

The Joseph V. Towry Award is conferred upon an individual who has demonstrated a high level of competence and dedication to the Reclaimed Water Industry in the State of Florida through the FW&PCOA. The selection committee will be comprised of the members of the FW&PCOA Reclaimed Water Committee. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- Must be actively involved in the management of and/or field inspection and operations aspect of the Reclaimed Water Industry in Florida.
- Member of good standing in the FW&PCOA preferred.
- Industry-related certification preferred.
- Must have a minimum five- (5) year's experience in the field of Reclaimed Water.
- Must have instructed in the FW&PCOA Reclaimed Water Certification program

or

Prepared, coordinated and made public presentations to community and professional organizations on the production or permitted uses of Reclaimed Water

or

Demonstrated a high level of competence in the daily operation of a Reclaimed Water System.

Utility Maintenance Award

The FW&PCOA presents the Utility Maintenance Award to a person who has displayed dedication in the field of utility maintenance. Criteria for this award are as follows:

- Must be a current member of the FW&PCOA with at least one year of membership.
- Candidate must possess a current certificate in Utility Maintenance or write a short narrative on the candidate's knowledge of the plant and its equipment.
- Must have instructed a Utility Maintenance course during a scheduled short school.

or

Has demonstrated proper recordkeeping skills for maintenance activities and has repaired treatment plant equipment.

Walt Smyser Award (Outstanding Web Site)

The FW&PCOA recognizes the growing importance of the Internet, and its use as a tool in providing service to our customers. The Outstanding Web Site Award was established by the FW&PCOA Board of Directors in November 2001 and named in June 2020 in honor of FW&PCOA Webmaster Walt Smyser. This award shall be presented annually to a water, wastewater, stormwater, or reclaimed water utility or municipality within the state that is judged to provide the most outstanding internet web site to their customers. Criteria for this award are as follows (Note: The following requirements MUST be met for a site to be considered for the award. Failure to meet even one will be grounds for automatic disqualification):

• The site must provide content that is related to the water, wastewater, stormwater, or reclaimed water fields, and the entity being considered.



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- The Utility/Municipality must provide services within Florida.
- Sites run by a parent company outside of the state will not qualify, unless significant content and support are provided for their subdivision that is within Florida.

Nomination may be made by one of the following three methods:

- Utility companies or municipalities wishing to be considered can submit their request on the nomination form, with a cover letter from an authorized official requesting their site be considered. All applications would be received by the FW&PCOA Webmaster no later than June 1st of the year the site is to be considered.
- Any member in good standing of the FW&PCOA may submit a nomination of a site requesting the Association consider a utility company or municipality which that member feels qualifies. All nominations would be received by the FW&PCOA Webmaster no later than June 1st of the year the site is to be considered.
- If the number of applications and nominations is less than ten, the Website Committee shall survey member utility sites and, until a minimum of ten sites are on the nomination list, select those sites they feel exemplify the qualities, mission, and values the Association wishes to promote.

The Website Committee will compile all applicants, verify they meet the minimum requirements for the award (see below), and submit a "judging package" with an evaluation sheet for each qualifying site to the Executive Board for judging.

Safety Awards

The Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association advocates that in order for a utility to be successful, it must incorporate a sound safety and health program into its standard operating procedures. A good safety program must embody proper attitudes toward injury and illness prevention by employers, supervisors, and employees. It requires cooperation on all safety and health matters, not only between the employer and employee, but also between employees and their co-workers.

In recognition of the importance of safety, the FW&PCOA presents awards each year to facilities that employ our members and have an outstanding safety performance record during the previous calendar year. Plaques are presented at the annual Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the Fall State Short School.

The award criteria take into consideration the size of each facility and its number of employees so that smaller facilities can compete fairly with larger ones. The following criteria are also included:

- Facilities do not have to be totally accident free to be eligible.
- The documentation requested in the application form is not mandatory, but it does aid the committee in its decisions and therefore can be an asset for the applicant.



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Award Nominee Submittal

Award application forms follow this page. Please complete the appropriate application form and submit the application with any required attachments as follows.

For all awards except the Safety Awards, nominations must be submitted to the following email address, **no later than June 17, 2022.**

awards@fwpcoa.org

For the Safety Awards, nominations must be submitted to the following email address, no later than June 17, 2022.

safety@fwpcoa.org

For additional information, contact Awards Committee Chairperson Renee Moticker at awards@fwpcoa.org or (754) 204-5606. For the Safety Awards, contact Charles Nichols at safety@fwpcoa.org or (863) 581-0111.

Awards Presentation Date and Location

The FW&PCOA will present the Annual Awards at the Annual Awards Luncheon scheduled for August 3, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. The awards luncheon will be held at the Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Additional Reference

For additional information on the awards and their respective selection criteria, please refer to the Awards Section of the FW&PCOA Manual of Policies & Procedures, available at:

http://FWPCOA.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=250266



Dr. A. P. Black Award Application

(Water, Wastewater, and Systems Operator)

A. Nominee's Information				
Name:				
Address:				
City, State, Zip:				
Work Phone #: E-mail Address:				
B. Narrative				
On a separate sheet of paper, to be attached to this application, provide a brief (100 words or less) narrative on each of the following award criteria regarding the nominee.				
1. Describe the nominee's assistance to the FW&PCOA.				
2. Describe the nominee's work done for or on behalf of fellow operators.				
3. Describe the nominee's outstanding or exceptional work performed under trying conditions.				
4. Describe or provide an example of the nominee's personal achievement.				
I hereby nominate the aforementioned person for the Dr. A. P. Black Award. I certify that the information provided in this award application is truthful and accurate.				
Nominating Person's Signature:				
Nominating Person's Printed Name:				
Date Submitted: Telephone #:				
E-mail Address:				
E-mail the award application and back-up material to: awards@fwpcoa.org				
Please observe the deadline for the nomination				

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Emory Dawkins Award Application

(Regional Newsletter)

A. Regional Contact Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Work Phone #:	E-mail Address:
B. Newsletters Attach copies of the regional newsletters issued do	uring the previous calendar year.
I hereby make the above nomination for the Emorthis award application is truthful and accurate.	ry Dawkins Award. I certify that the information provided in
Date Submitted:	Telephone #:
	E-mail Address:
E-mail the award application and back-up materia	ıl to: awards@fwpcoa.org
Please observe the deadline for the nomination.	

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Raymond Bordner Award Application

(Water Distribution or Wastewater Collection Systems Operator with Greater Than 10 Years of Experience)

A. Nominee's Information				
Name:				
Address:				
City, State, Zip:				
Work Phone #: E-mail Address:				
Years of Experience: Water Distribution: Wastewater Collection:				
B. Narrative				
On a separate sheet of paper, to be attached to this application, provide a brief (100 words or less) narrative on each of the following award criteria regarding the nominee.				
1. Describe the nominee's assistance to the FW&PCOA.				
2. Describe the nominee's work done for or on behalf of fellow operators.				
3. Describe the nominee's outstanding or exceptional work performed under trying conditions.				
4. Describe or provide an example of the nominee's personal achievement.				
I hereby nominate the aforementioned person for the Raymond Bordner Award. I certify that the information provided in this award application is truthful and accurate.				
Nominating Person's Signature:				
Nominating Person's Printed Name:				
Date Submitted: Telephone #:				
E-mail Address:				
E-mail the award application and back-up material to: awards@fwpcoa.org				
Please observe the deadline for the nomination.				

Senior Systems Operators Award



Nathan Pope Award Application (Stormwater System Operator)

Nominee's Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Work Phone #:	E-mail Address:
Is the nominee a current member	of the FW&PCOA (Yes or No)?
Does the nominee possess a curr	ent FW&PCOA certificate in Stormwater Operations (Yes or No)?
Has the nominee instructed a Sto	ormwater C, B, or A course (Yes or No)? If so, when and where
was the course held?	
Has the nominee prepared and m	nade a public presentation on Stormwater protection (Yes or No)?
If so, when and where was the	ne presentation made?
I hereby nominate the aforeme provided in this award application	ntioned person for the Nathan Pope Award. I certify that the information on is truthful and accurate.
Nominating Person's Signature:	
Nominating Person's Printed Na	me:
Date Submitted:	Telephone #:
	E-mail Address:
E-mail the award application and	d back-up material to: awards@fwpcoa.org
Please observe the deadline for t	he nomination.

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Theodore Kamien Award Application (Backflow and Cross-Connection Control)

Nominee's Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Work Phone #: E-mail Addr	ress:
Is the nominee a current member of the FW&PCOA (Yes or No)?	
Does the nominee possess a current certificate as a Backflow Teste	r or Repairer (Yes or No)?
Has the nominee instructed a Backflow Tester, Backflow Repa	air and Maintenance, or Cross-Connection
Control Management course (Yes or No)? If so, wh	en and where was the course held?
Has the nominee prepared and made a public presentation on Cross	s-Connection Control (Yes or No)?
If so, when and where was the presentation made?	
I hereby nominate the aforementioned person for the Theodore Ka provided in this award application is truthful and accurate.	amien Award. I certify that the information
Nominating Person's Signature:	
Nominating Person's Printed Name:	
Date Submitted: Telephone #: _	
E-mail Addres	SS:
E-mail the award application and back-up material to: awards@)fwpcoa.org
Please observe the deadline for the nomination.	

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Robert Heilman Award Application (Industrial Pretreatment)

A. Nominee's Information			
Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Work Phone #: E-mail Address:			
B. Narrative			
On a separate sheet of paper, to be attached to this application, provide a brief (100 words or less) narrative on each of the following award criteria regarding the nominee.			
1. Give a short description of the industrial pretreatment program that the nominee is involved with, including at least the size of the treatment plant(s) involved, number of SUI's, inception date, etc.			
2. What evidence can be produced to demonstrate that this program has succeeded in achieving the pretreatment goals since its inception?			
3. Give a short account of how the nominee has participated in obtaining these pretreatment goals.			
4. Discuss any outstanding innovative ideas and procedures developed by the nominee that have significantly increased the efficiency of the pretreatment program (leadership, teamwork, computer program, etc.).			
5. Describe any activities that the nominee has developed or participated in that can be considered over and above the requirements of the pretreatment regulations (correspondence courses and professional development courses, etc.).			
I hereby nominate the aforementioned person for the Robert Heilman Award. I certify that the information provided in this award application is truthful and accurate.			
Nominating Person's Signature:			
Nominating Person's Printed Name:			
Date Submitted: Telephone #:			
E-mail Address:			
E-mail the award application and back-up material to: awards@fwpcoa.org			
Please observe the deadline for the nomination.			

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Joseph V. Towry Award Application (Reclaimed Water)

Nominee's information	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Work Phone #:	E-mail Address:
Is the nominee actively involved in the man	agement and/or field inspection and operational aspect of the
Reclaimed Water industry in Florida (Yes	s or No)? If so, for how many years?
Is the nominee a current member of the FW	&PCOA (Yes or No)?
Does the nominee possess Reclaimed Water	r industry certification (Yes or No)?
Has the nominee instructed an FW&PCOA	Reclaimed Water Certification course (Yes or No)?
If so, when and where was the course held	1?
Has the nominee prepared, coordinated, and	I made a public presentation on Reclaimed Water (Yes or No)?
If so, when and where was the presentatio	on made?
Has the nominee demonstrated a high level	of competence in the daily operation of a Reclaimed Water system
(Yes or No)? If so, describe this	s competence:
I hereby nominate the aforementioned pers provided in this award application is truthfu	son for the Joseph V. Towry Award. I certify that the information all and accurate.
Nominating Person's Signature:	
Nominating Person's Printed Name:	
Date Submitted:	Telephone #:
	E-mail Address:
E-mail the award application and back-up n	naterial to: awards@fwpcoa.org
Please observe the deadline for the nominat	tion

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Nominee's Information

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Utility Maintenance Award Application

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Work Phone #:	E-mail Address:
Is the nominee a current member of the FV	V&PCOA with at least one year of membership (Yes or No)?
Does the nominee possess a current FW&F	PCOA certificate in Utility Maintenance (Yes or No)?
Has the nominee instructed a Utility Maint	tenance course (Yes or No)? If so, when and where
was the course held?	
Has the nominee taken any courses or w	orkshops to enhance his/her knowledge for troubleshooting in the
Utility Maintenance area (Yes or No)?	
If so, when and where this person atter	nded the workshop and/or troubleshooting courses?
I hereby nominate the aforementioned pers provided in this award application is truthf	son for the Utility Maintenance Award. I certify that the information ful and accurate.
Nominating Person's Signature:	
Nominating Person's Printed Name:	
Date Submitted:	Telephone #:
	E-mail Address:
E-mail the award application and back-up	material to: awards@fwpcoa.org
Please observe the deadline for the nomina	ation.



Walt Smyser Award Application

(Outstanding Website)

Name of Utility/Municipality:	
Address:	
Contact Name:	Phone:
Area Serviced:	FW&PCOA Region(s):
Web Site URL:	
Webmaster/Designer's Name:	Phone:
Webmaster/Designer's Title:	
Webmaster/Designer's Employer:	
Utility Director's Name:	Phone:
Brief Description of Web Site:	
	nding Web Site Award. I certify that the information provided urate, and that I am either an authorized official of the mber of the FW&PCOA in good standing.
Nominating Person's Signature:	
Nominating Person's Printed Name:	
Date Submitted:	Telephone #:
	E-mail Address:
E-mail the award application and back-up mater	rial to: awards@fwpcoa.org

Please observe the deadline for the nomination.

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SAFETY AWARD APPLICATION FORM

(Application Deadline June 1st)

Company or Municipality	Name:					
Name & Title of Safety O	fficer or Person P	eparing Ap	plication:			
Phone Number: ()	-	Fax N	ımber: () -	E-Mail:	
Mailing Address:						
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Plant/System Name:						
Type of System / Plant (C	heck Only One).	Submit ad	ditional appli	cations if needed.		
Treatment Plants:						
	Water		A	В	C	D
	Wastewater		A	В	С	D
	Multiple (i.e., pa	ckage)	Water		Wastewater	
Systems:						
	Collection		Distrib	ution	D.C. Combined	
	Stormwater		Reuse		Other	
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Lockout/Tag Out:	Yes —	- No —	N/A	% Trained % Trained	Date Last Trained Date Last Trained	
Defensive Driving:	Yes	- No	$-\frac{N/A}{N/A}$	% Trained	Date Last Trained	
CPR/First Aid:	Yes	- No —	$-\frac{N/A}{N/A}$	% Trained	Date Last Trained	
Other Safety Training		_			ate sheet or document.	
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Application Verification:	·			ained in this applica	ation is complete and acc	curate to the best of my
Applicant Signature:	miowicuge.				Date:	
Email to: Charles Nichols, l	FWPCOA Safety C	nairman, cha	ırlesnichols@p	olk-county.net Phon	ne: 863-581-0111	