

ALABAMA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

30th ANNUAL TECHNICAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

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After the morning sessions, everyone made their way to the West Ballroom for the ARWA's 18th Annual Awards Luncheon. In addition to honoring those special public utility employees that were nominated for their exemplary service and dedication to their utility, representatives of those first ARWA member utilities were presented with special plaques in appreciation of their supporting the ARWA for thirty years.



William Snyder, Monroeville Water Works was "Master of Ceremonies" at the Awards Luncheon



The West Ball Room at full capacity with people attending the Awards Luncheon



Above, Chris Lovelace recognizes the representatives of some of the ARWA's early members.



Kathy Horne far right stands with representatives of some the first 100 ARWA member utilities.

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During the ARWA 18th Annual Awards Luncheon, the following individuals were nominated for outstanding excellence in their abilities, excellence in leadership and perseverance in their field of duty:



Randolph Hall, Water Operator
South Bullock County Water Authority



Jeremy Hagler, Water Operator
Clio Water Works



Mike Norris, Water Operator
and Board Member/Director
Mid Central Water & FPA



Chris Pickens, Water Operator
City of Northport



Jerry Price, Wastewater Operator
Demopolis Water Works & Sewer Board



Sarah Bunch, Office Worker
Union Grove Utility Board



Rhonda Lancaster, Office Worker
City of Northport



Evelyn Huff,
Board Member/Director
Dallas County Water & Sewer Authority



Byron Cook,
Board Member/Director
Demopolis Water & Sewer Board

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And the winners are . . .



The distinct honor of the **Board Member/ Director of the Year** was presented to **Mr. Mike Norris**, Mayor for the Town of Fulton, Alabama. Mike has been with the Town of Fulton as a Councilman for twelve years and as Mayor

for seven (2000- present). As Mayor, Mr. Norris has been diligent in securing grants to help fund various projects for the town. One such project was the installation of a Sewage System for the Town of Fulton.

The Sewage System has mitigated the chance of groundwater contamination through faulty septic systems. He has also acquired a generator for the Town of Fulton to insure that auxiliary power will be available to keep water flowing to the people in times of emergencies.

Mr. Norris is also the Manager/Operator of Mid Central Water & FPA, Inc. Mr. Norris has been with Mid-Central Water & FPA, Inc., since 1979 and has served as the Manager/Operator

since 1995. During his tenure with Mid Central, he added an additional one-half million gallon water tank, two 400 gallon per minute pumps, line upgrades additional fire hydrants etc. Mid Centrals customer base increased from 300 to 800 due to his improvements to the system. In 2006, he also began serving as Manager/Operator for the Grove Hill Water Works.



The distinct honor of the **Water Operator of the Year** was presented to **Mr. Jeremy Hagler**, Chief Operator for the Clio Water Works. He holds a Grade II Water Operators License and a Grade II Wastewater License. He has

been with the Clio Water Works since 1999.

Mr. Hagler has made numerous improvements for the Clio Water Works including upgrading mainlines to properly service customers, upgrading water tanks, meters etc. His efforts helped the Clio Water Works raise 1.5 million dollars in USDA RD loans and ADECA grants to help fund some of the improvements mentioned above.