

ARWA 19th Annual Awards Program

For the past eighteen years, the Alabama Rural Water Association has offered an opportunity for outstanding employees and individual achievers to be recognized through their Annual Awards Program. The March, 2010, Awards Program is no exception.

There are many employees, board members, office employees and others who have dedicated their careers to the water and wastewater industry. They have demonstrated exemplary performance in their positions. In many cases, their hard work and dedication has contributed significantly to the success of the water or wastewater utility.

Why not take a moment to say thank you! There's no better way to reward a deserving individual than to nominate he/she for outstanding performance.

During the Association's 19th Annual Awards Luncheon at least five individuals will be recognized.

It could be you, your co-workers, a board member, or other individual you know. The ceremony will be held in Montgomery, Alabama at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

Stop for a moment and take the time to complete the Nomination Application. Submit the Application, narrative stating why this individual should be nominated together with three letters of recommendation in support of your nominee to the ARWA by January 29, 2010. A panel of judges will meet in February to select the winners. The winners will be announced in March during the Awards Ceremony.

If you have questions, call the ARWA or visit the ARWA website at www.alruralwater.com.

2009 Award Winners

Water Operator of the Year Award 2009

VINCENT ATKINS,
GREENE COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

Office Worker of the Year Award 2009

SANDRA TIDWELL,
BLOUNT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

John A. Garrett

Outstanding Service Award 2009

STEVE PELHAM,
FORMER STATE DIRECTOR OF THE
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Water and Wastewater Utility Personnel

The Alabama Rural Water Association will host its 19th Annual Awards Program on March 17, 2010. For many years, the Association's Annual Technical Training Conference has ended with an Awards Program honoring individuals for outstanding service and exceptional contributions to water and wastewater utility efforts. Now, it is time for special consideration to be directed toward your award nominee(s). It is a very simple nomination process. Please take a few minutes to submit nominations on behalf of your utility! We encourage and welcome your participation. Winners will be announced during the ARWA Awards Luncheon, March 17, 2010, at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center.

Water Operator of the Year

Recognizes a State of Alabama Certified Water Treatment Operator with outstanding leadership abilities and accomplishments in water utility operations.

Wastewater Operator of the Year

Recognizes a State of Alabama Certified Wastewater Treatment Operator with outstanding leadership abilities and accomplishments in wastewater utility operations.

Office Worker of the Year

Recognizes an administrative employee for outstanding performance in office management and procedures.

Board Member/Director of the Year

Recognizes an individual who serves as a board member responsible for governing decisions resulting in significant contributions toward the success, growth and customer satisfaction of the utility.

John A. Garrett

Outstanding Service Award

Recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions throughout the State in support of water and wastewater needs during his/her career. This Award offers an opportunity to nominate a professional individual such as an Alabama Department of Environmental Management staff member, USDA Rural Development staff member, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs staff member, Alabama Congressional Member, State of Alabama Legislator, Engineer, etc., who has been instrumental to the success of utility growth and progress in Alabama.

Nomination Application

The Nomination Process is simple! Nominations can be submitted by water and wastewater utility employees, management personnel, mayors, council members, board members or other interested individuals. If you know a dedicated individual working hard to improve and maintain the public water or wastewater operation, don't hesitate to nominate this person. Their efforts are worthy of recognition. Complete the application below for one or all categories and return to the ARWA by January 29, 2010.

Nominee _____ Position _____

Employed By _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination _____

Telephone _____

Please check category(s) for which your nomination is being made:

Water Operator of the Year

Wastewater Operator of the Year

Office Worker of the Year

Board Member/Director of the Year

John A. Garrett Outstanding Service Award

Include with the Nomination Package the following:

- Three letters of recommendation in support of the nominee
- Narrative stating why you feel this individual is worthy of recognition. (Narrative must include years of service, job responsibilities, certification levels, outstanding accomplishments or recognitions)
- John A. Garrett Award nomination package must include a summary of the statewide efforts made by the individual in addition to the above

Please forward your application together with the other required materials to:

Alabama Rural Water Association Awards Program

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