



## Excellence in Operations

The Excellence in Operations Award is awarded to any public water system that conveys, distributes, or treats water for consumption by the general public. Three awards may be given, one per category. Categories are determined by population served by the system:

- less than 3300,
- equal to or greater than 3300 but less than 10,000, and
- equal to or greater than 10,000

The award is to recognize outstanding performance of a public water system where a team effort has contributed to excellence in the following areas:

- Consistent compliance with public health and environmental standards and regulations
- Mindfulness to system maintenance, infrastructure, and equipment
- Continuous improvements to the system's water quality
- Special efforts in the training and education of the utility's employees
- Significant efforts to educate the public about drinking water issues and their public water system
- Participating in new research to improve the quality of drinking water

Any member of MWUA can nominate a public water system for the award. The nomination must be presented in writing to the Executive Director of the Maine Water Utilities Association by December 15 of the year prior to which the award is to be made. A detailed statement for the basis of the nomination must accompany the nomination.

The Chair of the Selection Review Committee shall first screen all nominations for eligibility. He or she shall then send the nominations and supporting data of all eligible nominees to all members of the Selection Review Committee. After a review of the written nomination, a member of the selection review committee will visit the utility to have an opportunity to interview staff, review programs, and examine the facility for cleanliness and general housekeeping. The selection shall be by elimination, whereby a plurality of the committee members' voting shall indicate a successful nominee.

The Selection Review Committee shall be composed of the following individuals:

- Current President of MWUA (Chair)



- Executive Director of MWUA
- Board of Directors of MWUA

Previous recipients of the award are not eligible for 5 years following receipt of the award. The award shall be a plaque or certificate signed by the President of the Maine Water Utilities Association. Presentation of the award shall be made at the annual Conference of the Maine Water Utilities Association.

The Maine Water Utilities Board of Directors must approve any changes to these rules.



## **Jeff Nixon Distinguished Service Award**

The Jeff Nixon Distinguished Service Award may be bestowed upon an eligible member of the Maine Water Utilities Association who has demonstrated, in the opinion of the Selection Review Committee, that he or she has provided two or more of the following:

- A career of service to a Maine Water Utility.
- A demonstrated dedication and commitment to the Maine Water Utilities Association over a period of ten years or more.
- Outstanding contributions to the water works profession in Maine.

To be eligible for the Jeff Nixon Distinguished Service Award, the nominee must be a current or past Individual, Associate, Retired, or Honorary member of the Maine Water Utilities Association, or a current or past employee of the Maine Water Utilities Association. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.

Nominations can be made by any member or employee of the Maine Water Utilities Association, or any trustee or governing board of a Maine water utility. Nominations must be presented in writing to the Executive Director of the Maine Water Utilities Association prior to December 15 of the year in which the award is to be made. Nominations shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the reasons for the nomination.

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- Board of Directors of MWUA

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## Jeffrey L. McNelly Award

Jeffrey L. McNelly retired from MWUA as its Executive Director in 2016. During his professional career he worked as a regulator both for DEP and Maine Public Utilities Commission. He was also a water quality employee for a public water supplier and currently serves on his local utility's board of trustees. Jeff's career and experience within the drinking water profession is an amazing example of his dedication to our profession. At the 2019 MWUA annual conference the Board of Directors decided to honor Mr. McNelly by instituting an annual award in his honor.

The Jeffrey L. McNelly Award will be awarded annually to a regulator, water-wastewater employee, or governance board member who exemplifies dedication to our profession.

Nominations can be made by any member or employee of the Maine Water Utilities Association, or any trustee or governing board of a Maine water utility. Nominations must be presented in writing to the Executive Director of the Maine Water Utilities Association prior to December 15 of the year in which the award is to be made. Nominations shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the reasons for the nomination.

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## Jim Doherty Excellence in Volunteerism Award

The Jim Doherty Excellence in Volunteerism Award is given to a past or present employee of an **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** of the Maine Water Utilities Association who has demonstrated, in the opinion of the Selection Review Committee, that he or she has provided the following:

**While volunteering time, materials, labor, equipment or expertise, this person provided an outstanding service, contribution or assistance to a Maine water utility, the utility's employees or staff or to the water works profession, going above and beyond their normal job requirements to simply provide a helping hand.**

To be eligible for the Jim Doherty Excellence in Volunteerism Award, the nominee must be a past or present employee of an Associate Member of the Maine Water Utilities Association. Nominations can be made by any member of the Maine Water Utilities Association, including the utility's trustees or employees. The nomination must be presented in writing to the Executive Director of the Maine Water Utilities Association prior to December 15 of the year, in which the award is to be made. A detailed statement for the basis of the nomination must accompany the nomination.

The Chair of the Selection Review Committee shall first screen all nominations for eligibility. He or she shall then send the nominations and supporting data of all the eligible nominees to all members of the Selection Review Committee prior to December 15. The selection shall be by elimination, whereby a plurality of the committee members' voting shall indicate a successful nominee.

The Selection Review Committee shall be composed of the following individuals:

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- Executive Director of MWUA
- Board of Directors of MWUA

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## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award is to be granted to any member of Maine Water Utilities Association who has made a significant contribution to our profession.

The lifetime achievement award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the water profession as evidenced by their professional and or personal commitment.

To be eligible, candidates must have twenty plus years of service and/or contribution to the treatment and delivery of safe drinking water. Contributions include support by vendors or consultants that offer a service to a utility in delivery of safe drinking water. These candidates may include water utilities employees, either past or present, private water company's employees, past or present, vendors, and consultants. The Board of Directors of Maine Water Utilities reserves the right to add any professional outside those listed above when that professional is deemed as worthy.

**Frequency of the Award:** As deserved.

**Eligibility for the Award:** The award may be awarded posthumously at any age. Contributions to the water profession may have been in any of the many facets of disciplines of the field.

**Entry Requirements:** Submit full name, address, and any supporting background or information for any nominee. For those making a nomination please include contact information with the submittal.

The award shall be a plaque or certificate signed by the President of the Maine Water Utilities Association.

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## President's Award

The President's Award may be bestowed upon any individual or organization that has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication and commitment to the water works profession and to the Maine Water Utilities Association over the past year.

Nominations can be made by any member or employee of the Maine Water Utilities Association. Nominations must be presented in writing to the Executive Director of the Maine Water Utilities Association prior to December 15 of the year in which the award is to be made. Nominations shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the reasons for the nomination.

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- Current President of the MWUA (Chair).
- Executive Director of the MWUA.

The award shall be a plaque or certificate signed by the President of the Maine Water Utilities Association. Presentation of the award shall be made at the annual conference of the Maine Water Utilities Association by the President of the Maine Water Utilities Association.

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## **Sid Anthony Award of Merit**

The Sid Anthony Award of Merit may be bestowed upon an eligible member of the Maine Water Utilities Association who has demonstrated, in the opinion of the Selection Review Committee, that he or she has provided one or more of the following:

- Outstanding service to a Maine Water Utility.
- Outstanding contribution or assistance to other water utility personnel.
- Outstanding contribution to water works practice.

To be eligible for the Sid Anthony Award of Merit, the nominee must be currently employed by a member utility of the Maine Water Utilities Association, must hold a valid State of Maine Water Operators License, and must be able to attend the February meeting of the Maine Water Utilities Association. Previous recipients of this award and current officers of the Maine Water Utilities Association are not eligible for this award.

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- Executive Director of MWUA.
- Board of Directors of MWUA.

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