

2020 NSAWWA Fall Conference Awardees

Following is the list of Tenure Award recipients for calendar year 2020, and for the NSAWWA Volunteer of the Year Award

- NSAWWA Tenure Awards:

Silver Water Drop Awards are given to those current members who have achieved at least 25 years of membership to AWWA.

There are 4 silver water drop awardees this year.

- Silver Water Drop Awardees

Mr. Dennis Watts
City of Norfolk
AWWA individual Member
25 Years (1995)

- Silver Water Drop Awardees

Mr. Tom Ourada
City of Crete
AWWA individual Member
25 Years (1995)

- Silver Water Drop Awardees

Mrs. Mary K. Maher
Metropolitan Utilities District
AWWA individual Member
25 Years (1995)

- Silver Water Drop Awardees

Mr. Daryl A. Kottwitz
Retired
AWWA Retiree
25 Years (1995)

- Life Member Status Awardees

Life Member Status Awards are given to those current AWWA members who have achieved at least 30 years of membership with AWWA.

There are 3 Life Member awardees this year.

- Life Member Status Awardees

Mr. Kevin McGill
H-T-M Sales, Inc.
AWWA Individual Member
33 Years (1987)

- Life Member Status Awardees

Mr. Gerald Pesek
G. F. Pesek, Inc.
AWWA Operations/Administration
30 years (1990)

- Life Member Status Awardees

Mrs. Debra L. Leigh
Leigh Environmental Equipment, Inc.
AWWA individual Member
38 years (1982)

- NSAWWA Volunteer of the Year Award

The NSAWWA volunteer of the year award is given to a current member who has demonstrated commitment to NSAWWA through tireless work and devotion to furthering the cause and ideals of the organization.

- NSAWWA Volunteer of the Year Award

Marc Rosso

City of Lincoln – Engineering Services

AWWA Individual member – 14 years

Current NSAWWA Secretary

Current Committee membership:

Membership publications



- NSAWWA Volunteer of the Year Award

Marc's attributes:

Marc has thrown himself into his new role as Nebraska Section AWWA Secretary with the same boundless enthusiasm he put into his role as Membership Committee chair. This has been especially notable service, given that it has overlapped with a career change for Marc that might have led others to let their participation flag.

Marc's relentless enthusiasm for expanding the Nebraska Section's membership was instrumental in sustaining the organization's health at a time of significant natural attrition due to retirements and industry consolidation. This resulted in national recognition for the Nebraska Section in membership retention and recruitment.

- NSAWWA Awards Recognition

The Nebraska Section AWWA wants to extend congratulations to all members receiving awards this year, especially given the circumstances with which we are currently contending; and in particular, to Marc for his untiring dedication to moving NSAWWA forward.

NSAWWA Awards Recognition

The Nebraska Section AWWA also wants all members to consider award nominations for next years conference. There are currently 598 Community public water systems, and 139 Non-Transient Non-Community public water systems in Nebraska. There are also many Engineering firms and other water industry related businesses which are members of the Section. We request that all members visit the Nebraska Section AWWA webpage and review the Awards Committee offerings. Surely someone can find an award that someone they know is deserving of.



Nebraska Section American Water Works Safety Awards

NS-AWWA Awards Banquet November 6, 2020

2020

Nebraska Section Safety Awards (Data for the calendar year 2019)

- **Purpose of the Awards:** To recognize distinguished NS-AWWA member public water systems for their safety records and respective active safety programs
- Certificate of Recognition
- Certificate of Achievement
- The respective classes are:
 - Class I (1-4 operators)
 - Class II (6-10 operators)
 - Class III (11-15 operators)
 - Class IV (more than 15 operators)



Bridge and Mill, Beatrice, Nebr.

Certificate of Recognition Class II (6-10)







Certificate of Recognition
Class I (1-5 Operators)

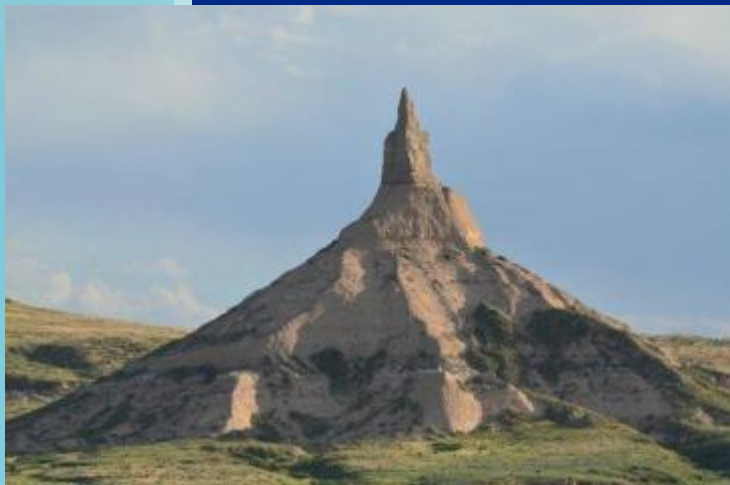




Certificate of Achievement

Class I (1-5 operators)







Nebraska Section American Water Works Scholarships

NS-AWWA Awards Banquet November 6, 2020

Colonel Theodore A Leisen Memorial Education and Training Endowment Fund

- Colonel Theodore Alfred Leisen was one of the incorporators of AWWA and served as president from 1917-1918. He chaired several national committees on public health and pollution. Leisen was named general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities District (M.U.D.), Omaha, NE, in 1923 at age 59.
- The Nebraska Section American Water Works Association (AWWA) established the Colonel Theodore A. Leisen Memorial and Training Endowment Fund in 1993 to encourage water industry professionals to obtain additional training and encourage graduate and undergraduate students to choose the water industry as their field of work.



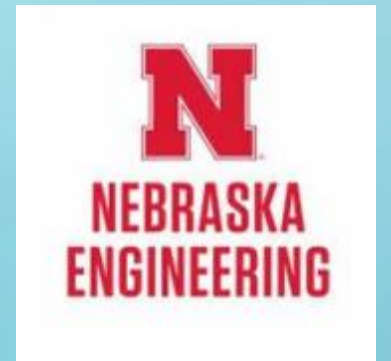
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One AWWA Operator Scholarship

- NSAWWA and AWWA's The Water Equation Campaign award two scholarships for Water Operator training and education
- Can be used for:
 - certification/licensure
 - two- or four-year water related degree
 - technical school programs
 - professional training programs
 - books and manuals
 - operator related conferences
- Each recipient also receives a one-year AWWA Operator membership



Shelby Steenson

Village of Wolbach, NE





Susan D. Kelly

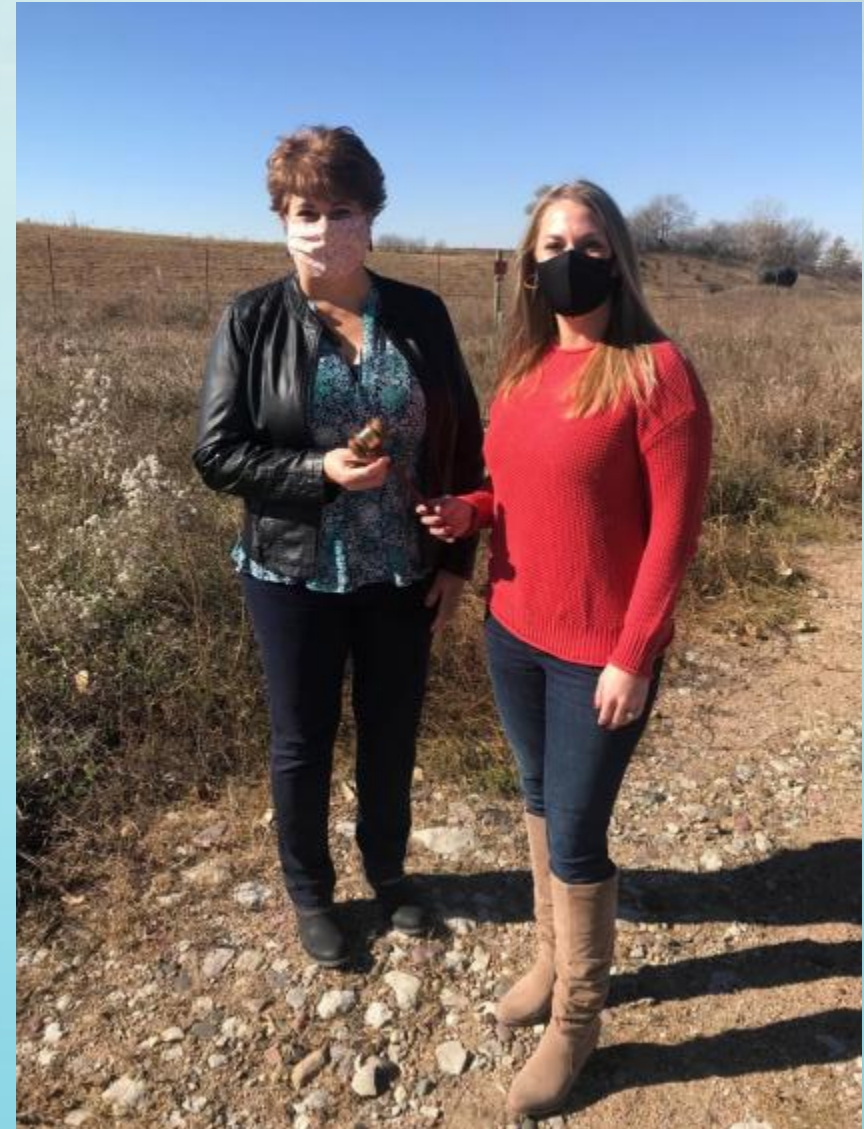
Village of Broadwater, NE





CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE AWARD
WINNERS!

Gavel Pass



Congrats to Mary Poe – Incoming NSAWWA Chair

