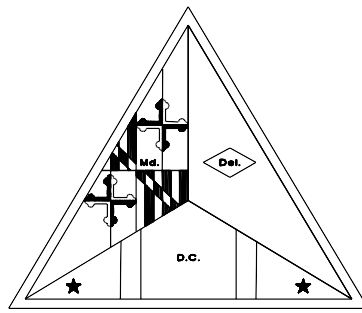


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THE WATER AND WASTE OPERATOR'S ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND,  
DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**2026 SERVICE AWARDS**

Dear WWOA Member:

CWEA, CSAWWA, and WWOA Tri-Association conference will take place September 1st through September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. At the conference, WWOA presents its Distinguished Service Awards to outstanding individuals in the Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste fields.

Safety, quality, and quantity of product, permit compliance, and cost control are the priorities in our business. Often, the communities we serve, and our employers do not fully recognize the extraordinary contributions we make on their behalf. Recognition from one's peers is among the greatest compliments a person can receive. If you know someone who has made significant improvements in facility safety, permit compliance issues, reduced O & M costs, or has gone above and beyond the call of duty to educate coworkers, then WWOA has an award waiting for them.

This is where you come in. Please take a moment to look over the award descriptions and submit a short biography (oral biographies will not be accepted) of a deserving associate. Nominations are accepted from co-workers, supervisors, and vendors. You do not have to be a WWOA member to submit a nomination; however, you must be a WWOA member to be eligible for most awards. Nominations must be received by June 12, 2026, for consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin Quinn,  
Awards Committee Chair

Please submit completed nomination forms to:

**Kevin Quinn**  
**WWOA Awards Chair**  
**C/o St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission**  
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# **2026 WWOA SERVICE AWARDS**

## **GENERAL CRITERIA**

- The Nominee is a current member of WWOA, with the exception of the Administrative and Kappe awards.
- **MUST** have been a WWOA member at the time of the activity for which they are being nominated.
- Outstanding activity was beyond routine duties. *Longevity is not sufficient justification alone for an Award.*
- In addition, the exceptional activity must be in the area to which the award applies.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

### **THE BARRY WALTER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WATER DISTRIBUTION**

This individual has worked beyond normal work requirements to ensure safe delivery of drinking water to the public through a distribution network and demonstrated technical excellence and problem-solving creativeness.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WATER TREATMENT**

This individual has demonstrated technical excellence, administrative, or managerial merit, or exemplary work ethic and dedicated approach to the administration, operation and/or maintenance of a water treatment facility.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS**

This individual has demonstrated exemplary performance, initiative, technical excellence, and problem-solving creativeness in the operation and/or maintenance of conveyance systems and appurtenances that deliver sanitary sewage to wastewater treatment facilities.

### **WILLIAM McLEAN BINGLEY AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WASTEWATER**

An individual who has significantly impacted the administration, operation and/or maintenance of a wastewater treatment facility and displayed exemplary commitment to the fundamental principles governing the treatment of wastewater and protection of the water environment.

### **MARLENE PATILLO LABORATORY AWARD**

This individual has contributed significantly to the administration or operation of water, wastewater, or solids handling laboratory, or demonstrated technical excellence and problem-solving creativeness worthy of peer recognition.

### **WWOA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AWARD**

This award highlights noteworthy rising stars in the water & wastewater industry. If you, a friend, a colleague, or someone you know has demonstrated exemplary performance in a water or wastewater-related field, WWOA encourages you to submit a nomination. Nominee should be 35 years old or younger.

### **STANLEY KAPPE TRAINING AWARD**

This individual has contributed immeasurable time, energy, and resources, beyond their normal job duties, to provide educational and vocational training to environmental systems professionals. Nominee is not required to be a WWOA member.

### **WWOA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

This award is presented to an individual who has maintained membership for 25 years or more with the Water and Waste Operators Association. Documentation of this membership could include past membership cards, membership verification through the membership Chairperson or canceled checks to the Association.

### **WWOA AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE.**

This person should have enhanced the performance of the operation of their water or wastewater system through innovative work practices, administrative leadership, and support for system operations. Nominee is not required to be a WWOA member.

### **WWOA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION**

Contributed extraordinary personal service of a continuous nature to the Association which enhanced the management, principles, operation, or professional and community standings of the Association.

### **THE WWOA PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL AWARD**

This individual has demonstrated technical excellence, exemplary performance, initiative and problem-solving skills in the operation, installation, programming, calibrations and maintenance of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems and/or water/wastewater instrument controls. **New!**

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## NOMINATION CATEGORIES:

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE CATEGORY PER NOMINATION FORM

- THE BARRY WALTER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WATER DISTRIBUTION
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WATER TREATMENT
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS
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- THE WWOA PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL AWARD – **New!**

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**Nominee's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current WWOA Member? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Member At Time of Activity? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominator's Name** (that would be you) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

