

The Ohio Water Environment Association

2011 AWARDS CEREMONY



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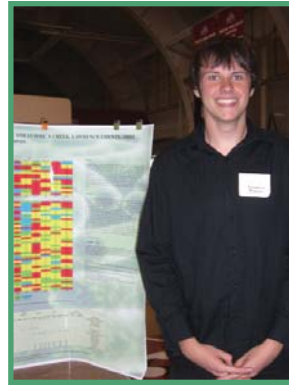
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\$1000 Scholarship

Mr. Timothy J Beavers

Grade 11

South Point High School, South Point
Antibiotic resistant bacteria in Burlington Lake and Symme's Creek
 Lawrence County, Ohio



\$500 Award

Ms. Leah Minor

Grade 10

Upper Arlington High School, Upper Arlington
The impact of varying the ratio of nutrients on the growth rate of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae)

\$300 Award

Ms. Courtney Bush

Grade 8

Incarnate Word Academy, Parma Heights
Does the amount of Escherichia coli (E. coli) change with location and rainfall along the Rocky River?

\$200 Award

Mr. Mitchell K. Pallaki

Grade 7

St Raphael, Bay Village
The Best Oil Absorbent Clean-up Analysis

Ohio Stockholm Junior Water Prize Winner

Ms. Rachel Yurchisin

Grade 10

Padua Franciscan High School, Parma
Fertilizer in Our Water Yields Dead Zone in Our Lake

OWEA Awards

Dean Stewart

Lance Willard, City of Columbiana

J.W. Ellms

John Motycka, Allen County

F.H. Waring

Josh Wehring, City of Fremont

W.D. Sheets

Gary Hickman, City of Columbus

L.T. "Tom" Hagerty

Walter Ariss, P.E., Ohio EPA NW District

Engineering Excellence

Bill Johngrass, P.E., URS Corp.

Laboratory Analyst

Kathy Richards, City of Akron

P.W.O.

Clint M. Krendick, City of Solon

Lifetime Engineering Achievement

*Jim Hays, P.E., MPI/ARCADIS
 Charles J. Zibble, P.E., Burgess and Niple*

Elected Official

Mayor John Quinn, City of Bowling Green

Collection Systems

Robert Ellinger, City of Columbus

Facility Image

*Delphos WWTP, City of Delphos
 Tussing Road WRF, Fairfield County*

WEF Awards

William D. Hatfield

Paul Solanics, City of Solon

Arthur Sidney Bedell

Roger Loomis, City of Newark

Laboratory Analyst

Beverly Hoffman, City of Geneva

George W. Burke

*City of Akron
 Water Pollution Control Station*

COLLECTION SYSTEM OF THE YEAR

Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSDGC)
Wastewater Collection Division

SAFETY AWARD (COLLECTIONS & TREATMENT)**COLLECTIONS**

1-9 Employees	City of Newark Sewer Maintenance
10-19 Employees	None
>20 Employees	None

TREATMENT

1-9 Employees	City of Yellow Springs
10-19 Employees	City of Norwalk WWTP
>20 Employees	NEORSD Southerly WWTC

SAFETY CERTIFICATES

City of Canton WRF
City of Columbus Pretreatment/Surveillance Laboratory Group
City of Columbus Southerly WWTP
City of Columbus SW Compost Facility
City of Dover Collections
City of Dover WWTP
City of St. Marys
City of Newark WWTP
Eastern Ohio Regional Wastewater Authority Collections
Eastern Ohio Regional Wastewater Authority WWTP
Montgomery County Western Regional WRP
NEORSD Easterly WWTP
NEORSD SSMO
NEORSD Westerly WPCC
Village of Canal Winchester WRF
Willoughby - Eastlake WPCC

Life Member

The Water Environment Federation's WEF Life Membership is bestowed upon members who have been active for at least 35 years and have reached age 65.

Kathleen Cook
Yung-Tse Hung
Farooq Nazir
William Porter
Thomas J. Quinn
Keith Radick
Gino Silvestri
Charles J. Vasulka

Quarter Century Operator

The WEF Quarter Century Operator Club recognizes operators of wastewater treatment facilities for their service and dedication in a difficult and dangerous profession. The Club was created under the sponsorship of Frank Woodbury Jones, who served as the Club's first registrar.

Barbara Ann Browne
Barbara L. Wagner



The Dean Stewart Award is presented to an individual for his/her efforts in plant operations, maintenance, and especially for his/her keeping of records and reports of operations.

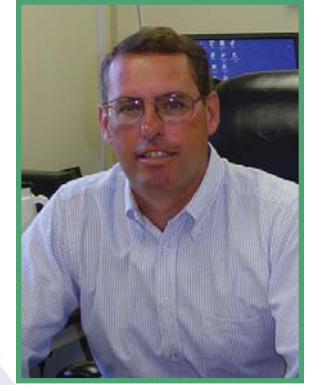


Lance Willard
City of Columbiana

Lance Willard has been with the City of Columbiana for ten years. As Superintendent, Lance has and continues to provide strong leadership to create a work environment that is both vibrant and healthy. Improper wet weather operating practices and improper wasting practices resulted in the plant being overcome by Nocardia. Implementation of several changes proposed by Lance to enhance the treatment process turned the situation around. He has initiated a sludge reduction program as well as started a safety program. He is especially proud of the condition of the sludge press and building that houses the press. Exceptional housekeeping practices keep the press in like new condition and the building in excellent condition.

Lance promotes certification of his operators. He has helped two operators obtain their Class III wastewater license and one obtain his Class II wastewater license. Lance holds a Class IV wastewater, Class I Laboratory Analyst, and a Class III water license. He has a Master's of Science in Biology from Youngstown State University. Like helping his operators, Lance continually works on improving himself. Currently he is a Doctoral Student at Argosy University, School of Business, in Organizational Leadership.

The J.W. Ellms Award is presented to an individual who is in an administrative or supervisory position, stressing participation in conference activities, civic affairs and leadership.



John Motycka
Allen County

John Motycka has been a trusted member of the NW Section Executive Committee for many years; an example of the long-term commitment necessary to keep the Section and OWEA a viable organization. He is a constant source of wisdom, common sense, and help.

This same commitment also is evident in John's civic activities. John was a volunteer fireman and EMT for Convoy for 15 years, project committee chair for several years for the Crestview Booster Club, Little League coach for many years, and volunteered as a basketball coach at the Van Wert YMCA. He is a member of the St. Marys Catholic Church in Van Wert. He is currently a Wastewater Treatment Superintendent for the Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department.

John and his wife, Rosemarie, enjoy spending time at the lake with their three children. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf.

The F.H. Waring Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a significant contribution to the field of industrial waste treatment by the organization and administration of an industrial program for pollution abatement, or research and development of analytical procedures, or treatment processes pertinent to industrial wastes, or outstanding operation of an industrial waste treatment plant as indicated by operation and maintenance, records and reports of operation.



Josh Wehring
City of Fremont

Josh Wehring is the Compliance Control Chemist for the City of Fremont WPCC. Josh started with the City in July of 1999 as an Operator. In 2000, he was promoted to his current position where he is responsible for overseeing the laboratory as well as running Fremont's Industrial Pretreatment Program.

Josh takes an active role in ensuring that the local industrial users are complying with the City's Industrial Pretreatment Program. He not only monitors their actions, he offers aid whenever needed or requested. Josh has opened up the City's lab to train industry personnel on proper sampling and analytical methods and techniques so they can comply with their permits. He has also conducted onsite training. Josh's training and aid have resulted in a smooth running pretreatment program for the City and better compliance and confidence in meeting program goals by the industries.

The W.D. Sheets Award is presented to an individual who is active in the field of education and demonstrates outstanding accomplishment and service in the field of training and education of students for the positions in the areas of operation and design of wastewater facilities.



Gary Hickman
City of Columbus

Gary has been a part of the water pollution control industry since the 1970s. He is a 1978 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, having a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

During his career, he has been involved in a variety of water and wastewater projects in both the public and private sector. In 1982 he joined the City of Columbus in the Industrial Pretreatment Group as part of the Surveillance Laboratory for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. Over the ensuing 29 years he has held Chemist, Lab Manager and Plant Manager responsibilities at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is a Class IV Wastewater Operator and a Class IV Wastewater Analyst, member of the WEF Quarter Century Operator's Club, 5S, and Crystal Crucible Societies.

Gary was a member on various City of Columbus - OWEA Operations Challenge teams. Currently he is involved in evaluating the success of the Operator-In-Training program for Jackson Pike WWTP employees. He has been an active participant in the OWEA Operations and Collections Committees for many years.

He lives in Columbus with Julie, his wife of 25 years, a daughter, Leigh Ann, 18, and a son, Eric, 17.

The L.T. "Tom" Hagerty Award is presented to a public agency employee who unselfishly provides guidance and assistance to wastewater plant operators and superintendents as a part of his/her duties within an agency. Emphasis is placed on a candidate's direct involvement with assisting plant operators in the understanding of regulatory requirements, plant operations, state certification and operator training.



Walter Ariss, P.E.

Ohio EPA

Walter Ariss, P.E., has worked for NWDO-DSW for 6 years and is responsible for implementing all aspects of the NPDES permit program in Ashland and Richland counties. Walter spends several days each week in the field visiting plants and getting to know the operators. He works in partnership with the operators towards a common goal of keeping the local watersheds as clean as possible. Walter is always willing to take the time to talk to operators about treatment plant options, trouble shooting, and regulations. He is an excellent communicator and listens to operators' concerns. He has gained the respect of operators by treating them fairly, providing advice, and by attending various functions of the NWOWEA.

Walter's strong technical skills encourage the regulated community to call him when they have questions. Operators appreciate his professionalism and helpful attitude. Walter is a licensed professional engineer and has his Class III Wastewater Operator's License.

This award recognizes a professional engineer in responsible charge of the design of a facility for the conveyance, treatment or disposal of wastewater and/or treatment residuals. A selected project must have been in operation for a period of one (1) year and not more than five (5) years. Our award winner will be a candidate for the Water Environment Federation George J. Schroeffer Medal.



Bill Johngrass, P.E.

URS Corp.

Mr. Bill Johngrass, P.E., has over 14 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry in the private consulting sector. Mr. Johngrass is currently a department manager in the URS Columbus office and is in charge of managing the water resources staff on planning and design of wastewater and water treatment projects. Bill has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Youngstown State University and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Johngrass served as Project Manager for the ODOT Statewide WWTP Improvements project selected for the Engineering Excellence Award this year. The project required coordination with Ohio DAS SAO (for contract administration), ODOT Office of Facilities Management, five ODOT District offices, and four Ohio EPA districts.

Bill lives in Delaware with Karen, his wife of 13 years. When Bill is not managing projects, he can be spotted in Las Vegas at various casino gaming tables.

This award recognizes a laboratory analyst who has demonstrated excellence and professionalism in his/her daily laboratory work.



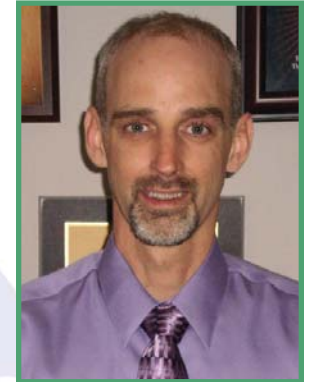
Kathy Richards
City of Akron

Kathy Richards has been in the laboratory since 1995 and with the City of Akron for the last seven years. She is a laboratory analyst for the Environmental Compliance Team. Akron has over 60 industries in the industrial pretreatment program and Kathy has full responsibility for the compliance monitoring and analyses of these industries. Although her responsibilities keep her very busy, she continues to make herself available to assist fellow lab analysts across the state.

Kathy is always willing to share her knowledge and experience by providing educational opportunities for other wastewater professionals at both the Northeast Section and at the State Lab Analyst meeting. She was a major contributor to the laboratory analyst study guide, which OWEA currently has for sale.

Kathy holds a Class IV Laboratory Analyst Certification, Class III Wastewater Operator Certification, and a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and minor in Chemistry from the University of Akron. Her efforts to assist others in improving their knowledge and skills are outstanding. Kathy is a true professional and deserves the recognition as such.

Professional Wastewater Operations, P.W.O. Award, honors individuals doing front-line work who have contributed practical application, professionalism and dedication to their particular wastewater treatment system. The individual selected is usually in a non-administrative, non-management or non-supervisory position. However, a one-person treatment facility operator is eligible.



Clint M. Krendick
City of Solon

Mr. Krendick began his employment and career for the City of Solon in the wastewater field in July of 2005 as an Electrical Instrument Technician. In three years time Clint was successful in procuring his Class I, II, and III Wastewater Operator's Licenses. He quickly demonstrated an exemplary work ethic and established himself as a leader. In less than one year from hire an opportunity for the Maintenance Manager position became available which Clint was successful in obtaining. In the past four years he has reorganized his division and made many valuable changes to the operation. He was instrumental in working on OSHA compliance issues both at the plant and lift stations. He converted lift station communication from traditional hand line to radio frequency saving the city considerable money in the process. He has modified plant lighting systems from high pressure sodium units to energy efficient metal halide units.

In a very short time, Mr. Krendick has accomplished as much in this field than most will in a career. It is for that reason that Clint was nominated as a worthy candidate for the Professional Wastewater Operators Award.

The Lifetime Engineering Achievement Award was established to honor a member who, as an Ohio design engineer, has consistently delivered good basic engineering design of wastewater facilities over a period of 20 or more years. The awardee must be Active, Lifetime, or Retired member of OWEA, recognized by his/her peers as having demonstrated a high level of competence in the design profession.



Jim Hays, P.E.
Malcolm Pirnie

Mr. Hays began his engineering career in 1981 after graduating from the University of Dayton. He has spent the past thirty years as a consulting engineer with Malcolm Pirnie (now ARCADIS) working with Ohio municipalities to solve their water challenges.

Mr. Hays' early work assignments were at treatment plants developing operation and maintenance manuals and other training guides. He later moved to construction projects where he found himself reviewing shop drawings, processing change orders and learning how to negotiate with contractors.

In the mid-1990s, Mr. Hays worked with the cities of Columbus, Newark and Lancaster on their combined sewer overflow long term control plans. This work was followed by several sewer rehabilitation and separation projects that rehabilitated approximately 180,000-ft of sanitary and combined sewer. For this work, Mr. Hays received the Golden Manhole Award from OWEA in 2004.

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Charles J. Zibble, P. E.
Burgess & Niple

Chuck joined Burgess & Niple (B&N) in 1973 after graduating from Ohio Northern University with a BS in Civil Engineering. He is now an owner of the firm and Director of its Great Lakes Region, which includes offices in Akron, Cleveland, and Painesville. He also oversees the firm's Orlando and Phoenix operations.

His experience includes the design/management of water and wastewater treatment plants and municipal engineering projects. He has served as the on-site representative during the construction of water and wastewater treatment plants. Chuck has been responsible for EPA industrial pretreatment programs, water main projects and water distribution studies. He has prepared preliminary reports and construction drawings for sanitary sewer improvement projects.

Chuck has had an active, significant role in engineering projects in Ohio in his 37 years as an engineer. Among his projects are the design of improvements to the 100-mgd Akron, Ohio, Water Pollution Control Station (WPCS), the 72 ton- per-day capacity sludge composting facility for the Akron WPCS and improvements to the Painesville Water Pollution Control Plant.

He was appointed director of engineering in 1987; assistant director of the Painesville Office in 1989; named as associate and appointed director of the Great Lakes Region in 1990; and elected as an owner in 1994.

The Elected Officials Award is presented to an elected Ohio official or officials demonstrating a significant commitment to the protection and improvement of the water environment. Awardees need not be a member of the Ohio Water Environment Association.



John Quinn
Mayor - City of Bowling Green

John Quinn, who has served as Bowling Green's Mayor since 2000, recognizes the value and importance of high quality utilities and the role such utilities have in improving the lives of citizens and attracting and retaining business to the City. Quinn has played an instrumental role in continuous utility improvements as a Council Member, Board of Public Utilities Member, and Mayor in this university community with a population of 29,636.

Mayor Quinn is well known in the community as an advocate for utilities advancements. In word and action, he demonstrates his belief that reliable and affordable services are essential to community prosperity. Quinn keeps himself well informed about Bowling Green Municipal Utilities and the utilities industry. He takes time to explain to citizens the importance of investing in utilities and is an active and vocal advocate. With Quinn's support, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities has set an ambitious, yet steady, course for its investment in and advancement of utilities.

The upgrades of 16 MGD sand filters to 30 MGD cloth media filters, a 16 MGD ultraviolet disinfection system to a 30 MGD ultraviolet disinfection system, a 20 MGD pumping station to a 30 MGD, and the addition of a 20 MGD screw pump, are examples of projects Mayor Quinn supported to reduce CSO events and volumes.

The Collection System Award is presented to an individual for contributions to the advancement of state of the art wastewater collection.



Robert Ellinger
City of Columbus

Bob's career started with working for a private engineering firm for 10 years. Since then, he has worked for the City of Columbus Division of Sewerage and Drainage for 33 years. For the last 17 years he has been the Sewer Maintenance Manager. He is responsible for the O & M of the sanitary, storm, and combined sewer systems and the Franklinton Floodwall.

Bob attended Franklin University and holds an Ohio EPA Class II Operator Certification. He has been a member of OWEA for many years and has been an active member of the Collections Committee. Bob has helped develop and work on numerous hands on training sessions and operation challenges. Bob received the Golden Manhole Award in 2003 and became a member of the WEF Quarter Century Operators Club in 2008.

Bob and his wife of 42 years, Cheryl, have one son and one grandson. Bob is a member of the Central Ohio Woodturners Club and is an avid wood worker. In his spare time he enjoys playing with his grandson and plans on teaching him wood working skills when he gets a little older.

This Award is intended to recognize OWEA members who have enhanced the physical image of their workplace by cleaning up their own work facilities. The result of this upgrade shall be the presentation of a better image for our profession as viewed by the general public.



Delphos WWTP

City of Delphos



The staff of the Delphos WWTP takes great pride in their facility and truly believes that “just because it’s a wastewater treatment plant, doesn’t mean it has to look or smell like one.”

The operations and maintenance staff work together to maintain the landscaping and vegetable garden at the facility. They spend a great deal of time at the facility and take time on a regular basis to maintain the flower beds, the vegetable garden (fertilized with ATAD Biosolids from the facility), lawn and other areas around the buildings. They have put money in the budget annually to add new plants and maintain the existing beds. Lawn maintenance is done as required to keep the facility looking well maintained and manicured. They also maintain the interior of the buildings with considerable care. The Delphos staff members have truly taken ownership of their facility very seriously and that can be seen by visitors to the plant.

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Tussing Road WRF

Fairfield County



Tussing Road WRF is designed to treat 3.0 MGD with a peak hourly flow of 9.0 MGD, while average daily flow is 1.95 MGD.

The Fairfield County Utilities Tussing Road Water Reclamation Facility has experienced rapid growth during the last 20 years. The most recent expansion occurred in 2004-2005, when the plant went through a radical transformation from an overloaded, outdated facility to a modern, efficient and highly effective treatment plant.

The new tanks, equipment, buildings and paved driveway installed made the upgrade very noticeable. In addition to the structural improvements visible to the general observer, the plant staff has taken aggressive yet more subtle steps to continue to improve the image and operation of the facility. From adding mulched flower beds, tree trimming, painting or general plant maintenance, the operations staff continually tries to improve the facility’s image.

Because of the dedicated Fairfield County Utilities staff, the plant has and will continue to provide quality wastewater treatment for its customers now and into the future.

The William D. Hatfield Award (WEF) is presented to operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.



Paul J. Solanics
City of Solon

Mr. Solanics, as Director of the Water Reclamation Department, is responsible for representing the city in all wastewater related issues. An important area is in administering a pretreatment program which requires contact with the industrial community on sometimes difficult problems. Paul has demonstrated professionalism in dealing with those issues by resolving them in an amicable manner. He hosts many tours for students and civic groups. Participants come away impressed not only with the cleanliness of the facility but with the quality of people working there.

Each year Paul is required to prepare and administer the department's \$6 million annual budget. With tough economic times there have been challenges and Paul's ability to engage his staff in cost cutting practices has allowed the operation to stay under his projections each year. This is extremely important in keeping rates affordable.

Paul has excelled at the systematic rebuilding of the facility over the past 10 years. In the year 2000, the City performed an extensive infrastructure assessment study to identify capital improvement needs for the coming decade. The plan was to manage these projects in small doses which would insure sound administration of each job while minimizing disruption to the process. The city now has a completely refurbished plant able to serve their users well into the foreseeable future.

The Arthur Sidney Bedell Award (WEF) was established to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to a Member Association.



Roger Loomis
City of Newark



Roger has over 34 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry including work with the villages of Dalton and Burton and with the City of Wooster. He has been with the City of Newark in various capacities for the past 25 years which includes the last 7 years as Utilities Superintendent. During his career, he has been an OTCO instructor for over 16 years and has served on the Zane State University Environmental Management Advisory Board for over 18 years. He is also a past president of the Ohio Water Environment Association and former chairman of the Southeast Section of OWEA. He has been a peer reviewer for the AWWA/WEF Qualserv program performing reviews across the country to help other utilities with continuous improvement.

Roger is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a BS in Human Resources and a graduate of the Agricultural Technical Institute with a degree in Turfgrass Management. He holds a Class IV Wastewater Certification and Class III Water Supply Certificate.

He and his wife of 30 years, Melissa, live in Newark and have two children as well as two grandchildren. In his spare time Roger is an avid woodworker and enjoys fishing and golfing. He is active with the Newark High Soccer Parents Club serving as President the past three years.

This award recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.



AWARD

Beverly K. Hoffman

City of Geneva

Hoffman has been a lab analyst for the City of Geneva Wastewater Plant periodically for nine of the last sixteen years. During her first two employment periods, she acquired her Class I and II Wastewater Analyst licenses. Since her arrival in March of 2003, she has taken and passed both her Class III and IV licenses. She runs a well documented QA/QC program and maintains an awareness of the relationship between her lab results and plant operations.

During the last several years, she has been actively involved in the city's mercury reduction program, including heading up a local thermometer exchange program. Realizing community involvement was essential for success, she enlisted personnel from area schools, industry, OEPA and the local hospital to share in the cost of the digital thermometers thus saving Geneva's pretreatment program thousands of dollars. Bev presented her information on several local radio stations and prepared releases for the local papers. As a result of these efforts, 228 mercury thermometers, 33 mercury switches and 6 jars of elemental mercury were collected. The total combined weight was 21 pounds of mercury and mercury-bearing products, which were removed as possible contaminants from the collection system.

The George W. Burke Award is presented to a municipality or industrial wastewater facility for an active and effective safety program.



AWARD

City of Akron WPC Station

Akron, Ohio



The City of Akron Water Pollution Control Station (WPCS) was put in service in 1928, and sits on approximately 150 acres. The WPCS is located adjacent to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and across the Cuyahoga River from the Ohio-Erie Canal Towpath. WPCS utilizes an activated sludge process with a design flow of 90 MGD, peak flow of 280 MGD and an average flow of 70 MGD. The plant has a full time staff of 41, serving approximately 330,000.

The WPCS safety program has gone through many changes in recent years due to attrition and economic stresses. The program has become more of a group effort, rather than the responsibility of one individual. The duties associated with daily safety concerns and practices are shared between two individuals, Tim Lusk in maintenance, and Tom Sanderson in the laboratory. All personnel know that safety concerns can be brought to these two people who will ensure the issues are addressed. During 2010, the employees worked 74,700 hours resulting in 1 accident with no lost time days. This is proof that all employees are "on board" with the safety program and it is working.

F.D. “Dean” Stewart

Franklin Dean Stewart was a founding father of the Ohio Sewage and Industrial Waste Treatment Conference in 1926, now known as the Ohio Water Environment Association. He graduated from the Ohio State University in 1913 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. Stewart began his career in the water and sewer industry as an assistant to A. Elliott Kimberly, Consulting Engineer, in Columbus. While there, he worked on design and supervision of construction of various water and sewage projects throughout Ohio. In 1918, he began working for the Ohio Department of Health and remained there the rest of his career as the Assistant Chief Engineer. Dean Stewart held the post of “Editor” for the Ohio Sewage and Industrial Waste Treatment Conference and chaired the first subcommittee on short schools in 1941.

J.W. Ellms

Joseph Winton Ellms was a founding father of the Ohio Sewage and Industrial Waste Treatment Conference in 1926, now known as the Ohio Water Environment Association. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1893 with a degree in Chemistry. In 1898, he participated in studies on the treatability of Ohio River water as a source for Cincinnati’s water supply. He remained with the city and became the first Plant Superintendent of the “California” plant.

In 1918, Mr. Ellms moved to Cleveland to work in the city’s water treatment plant. Once the city began treating its sewage, he switched to the sewage side and became the Cleveland Commissioner of Sewage Disposal. Mr. Ellms was also widely known as a partner in consulting firms.

Mr. Ellms took a leadership role representing the Ohio Conference on the “Committee of 100” which brought about a Federation of state sewage treatment associations, primarily for the purpose of publishing peer reviewed technical papers for educational purposes. We now know this federation as the Water Environment Federation.

F. H. Waring

Fred Holman Waring was a principal founder of the Ohio Sewage and Industrial Waste Treatment Conference in 1926, now known as the Ohio Water Environment Association. He served in the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the Ohio Department of Health for forty-five years and for over twenty-five years he was the Chief of that division. He was known for his soft glove of enforcement via reasonableness. Mr. Waring personally knew most of the designers, builders and operators of water and waste water facilities in Ohio. In 1961, following his retirement, Mr. Waring wrote a detailed report on the public water supplies and water pollution control facilities in Ohio which is one of the best histories of Ohio’s early treatment plants.

W.D. Sheets

Waldron Devol Sheets earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1940. He started his career as an assistant chemist at the Columbus Sewage Treatment Plant. He is best known as a professor who helped establish the Water Resources Center of The Ohio State University. He coordinated the five day “short schools” starting in 1948 as an activity of the university in addition to his regular duties. These short schools grew in popularity over the next several years under his guidance. His commitment to operator education in Ohio continued as he was one of the founders of the Operator Training Committee of Ohio, Inc. (OTCO) and became its first Executive Director. Mr. Sheets is credited with training thousands of operators in both water and wastewater.

L.T. “Tom” Hagerty

Tom Hagerty graduated from Hiram College in 1938 with a degree in Education. He began his career in the water and wastewater business as the Manager of the Bedford Sewage Treatment Plant. Mr. Hagerty went on to supervise operations of the water and sewer facilities in the City of Delaware and was later named Superintendent of the Dayton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In 1959, he began working for the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the Ohio Department of Health which became the Ohio EPA in 1972. He worked for the agency for twenty years. His duties included operator certification and assisting plant operators in solving operational problems as well as helping with advancement opportunities and job placement. As a public agency employee, Mr. Hagerty was in the truest sense, “there to help you”. He is best known for motivating and encouraging plant operators, as a developer of training manuals, teaching short schools, and as one of the founders of OTCO.

Larry D. Moon

Larry Moon served the communities of Sylvania, Greenfield, and Van Wert before beginning his 16.5 years with the Ohio EPA. While at Ohio EPA, Mr. Moon headed the Technical Assistance/Operator Certification Unit. During his tenure at Ohio EPA, Mr. Moon volunteered 15 years of his spare time to the Ohio Water Pollution Control Conference, now OWEA, as Secretary/Treasurer. He guided the Conference through one of its substantial growth periods.



William D. Hatfield

Dr. William D. Hatfield was the Superintendent of the Decatur, Illinois Sanitary District. He was President of the Central States Sewage Works Association in 1944-45 and served as President of the Federation in 1958-59.

Arther Sydney Bedell

Arthur Sydney Bedell was WEF's second president. He is recognized for his long devotion and service to the New York Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association, now the New York Water Environment Association. He was Chief of the Bureau of Sewage and Waste Disposal of the New York State Department of Health.



Award history information provided by Doug Brookhart, Al Wansing, and Elizabeth Wick.

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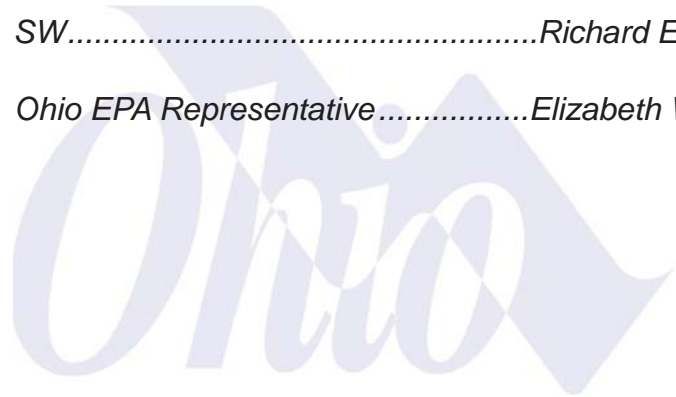
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