

2026 ASDSO Awards Program

BRUCE TSCHANTZ PUBLIC SAFETY AT DAMS AWARD

OVERVIEW

ASDSO established this award in 2017 to recognize and celebrate Dr. Bruce Tschantz's lifetime achievements in dam safety, his contributions to ASDSO, and his efforts to improve public safety around dams. The award will be given to someone who takes on the "local champion" role and works to improve public safety around dams. Often, action would only be taken with their efforts.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees should have improved public safety around dams by:

- raising public awareness about safety hazards around dams,
- encouraging dam owners to take responsibility for ensuring public safety at dam sites,
- actively participating in research efforts aimed at mitigating safety hazards around dams, or
- furthering efforts to carry out safety modifications at hazardous dam sites.

The recipient can also be a model dam owner who has significantly improved the public safety program for their dams.

PROCEDURES

- All nominations must use the attached PDF form. Nominations may be sent to Awards@Damsafety.org.
- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 1, 2026.
- Representatives of the ASDSO Public Safety at Dams Committee will review the nominations. The ASDSO Board of Directors will confirm any recipients. The award may be awarded every year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Award recipients will be notified in July 2026. Award recipients will be recognized at an awards luncheon on August 31, 2026, held in conjunction with the Dam Safety 2026 national conference Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Award recipients will be recognized in select Dam Safety 2026 materials, on the ASDSO website, in *The Journal of Dam Safety*, and ASDSO's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Report.

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

CONTRIBUTIONS

Provide a Description of How the Nominee's Work Enhanced Public Safety Around Dams, Why They Are Worthy of the Award, and the Nominee's Overall Contributions to Dam Safety.

Paragraph form should be used. Descriptions should be between 300 and 750 words.

PREVIOUS AWARDS - Optional

Provide Name and Year of Other Industry Awards and Honor's Received

PHOTOS - Optional

Attach up to Five High-Quality Photos to Submission Email

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