

## ASDSO Awards History

### **REGIONAL AWARDS OF MERIT (Transitioned to Regional Dam Safety Awards in 2023)**

#### New England

1988 Delbert Downing, NH Water Resources Division  
1989 Richard DeBold, NH Water Resources Division  
1990 Massachusetts Dam Safety Program  
1991 Earl Proute, Jr., RI Dam Safety Section  
1992 New England Power Company  
1994 Town of Milford, New Hampshire  
1995 Peter Webber, MA Dept. of Environmental Management  
Connecticut Inland Water Resources Division, Dept. of Environmental Protection  
1996 Rep. Bill Zeliff, New Hampshire  
1997 Simpson Paper Co. and Northeast Engineering  
1998 Maine Emergency Management Agency, Dam Safety Program

#### Mid-Atlantic

1988 Borough of Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania  
1989 City of New York, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Supply  
1990 Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, New Jersey  
1991 William Bingham, Gannett Fleming Inc.  
1992 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, MD  
1993 White Meadow Lake Property Owners Association  
1994 Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Company  
1995 WV Dept. of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, Charleston, WV  
1996 Altoona (PA) City Authority and Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc.  
1997 Don Baldwin, Susquehanna Electric Co.  
1998 Swannanoa Sentinel Society, Oak Ridge, NJ  
1999 Schnabel Engineering Associates, New Brunswick, NJ

#### Northeast (formed in 2000, replacing former Mid-Atlantic & New England regions)

2000 Maryland Department of the Environment, Baltimore, MD  
2001 Senator Robert E. Littell, New Jersey  
2002 Dr. Art Miller, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA  
2003 Eric J. Ditchey, McCormick Taylor Associates, Mt. Laurel, NJ  
2004 Donald Martino, Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Resources, (retired)  
2005 Aqua Pennsylvania & Anthony Fernandes  
2006 The Honorable John Lynch, Governor of New Hampshire  
2007 Mount Mansfield Company and Stowe Mountain Resort, Stowe, Vermont  
2008 The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Inland Water Resources  
Division, Denise Ruzicka, Director  
2009 Pennsylvania American Water Company  
2010 Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., Raleigh, NC & Upper Potomac River Commission, Westernport,  
MD  
2011 Carl J. Montana  
2012 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission – Award accepted by Jack Rokavec, Chief  
Engineer  
2013 Borough of High Bridge, New Jersey  
2014 Indian Lake Borough, Pennsylvania  
2015 John H. Moyle, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
2016 Suez Water New Jersey and Springfield (MA) Water and Sewer Commission  
2017 Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; Pennsylvania Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources  
2018 ASDSO Training Course Evaluators  
2019 City of Fall River Community Utilities Water Division, Fall River, Massachusetts

2020 Chester County Water Resources Authority, Chester County, Pennsylvania  
 2021 City of Keene, New Hampshire  
 2022 Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Southeast

1988 David White, AL Emergency Management Agency  
 1989 John W. Parris, SC Land Resources Commission  
 1990 none given  
 1991 none given  
 1992 Thomas E. Montgomery, TVA  
 1993 Virginia Lakes Association "Best Maintained Dam Program"  
 1994 Georgia Safe Dams Program  
 1995 L.S. Button, State of Virginia Dam Safety (retired), Richmond, Virginia  
 1996 John T. Grimes, McKim & Creed, Raleigh, NC  
 1997 Dalewood Shores Property Owners Association  
 1998 Georgia Safe Dams Program  
 1999 VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, Richmond, VA  
 2000 Joseph H. Haugh, Retired Director of Dam Safety, Richmond, VA  
 2001 George Ballentine, Retiring Manager, Dams & Reservoir Safety Section, Columbia, SC; and  
     Ralph Ezelle, Retiring Supervisor, Dam Safety Section, Little Rock, AR  
 2002 Randy Bass, Portland Cement Association, Lilburn, GA  
 2003 Gwinnett County Dept of Public Utilities, Lawrenceville, GA and Jonathan Phillippe, Virginia Dam Safety (retired)  
 2004 Southwest Florida Water Management District  
 2005 Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District, Culpeper, VA  
 2006 James D. Simons, North Carolina Land Quality Section, Raleigh, NC  
 2007 Spartanburg Water System, Spartanburg, SC  
 2008 Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority, Lindy D. Farmer, Jr., General Manager  
 2009 Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
 2010 Francis E. Fieg, II, Program Manager, Georgia DNR Safe Dams Program  
 2011 Brian R. Long, West Virginia Dept. of Environmental Protection  
 2012 Gwinnett County, Georgia Department of Water Resources  
 2013 James MacLellan, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
 2014 Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
 2015 Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi, Louisiana Department of Transportation (retired)  
 2016 Lyle Bentley, Tennessee Dam Safety Program  
 2017 Cobb County Stormwater Management Division; Bill Higgins, P.E  
 2018 Water Works Board of the City of Auburn, Alabama  
 2019 Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Dam Safety and Floodplain Management  
 2020 South Carolina DHEC Dams and Reservoirs Safety Program  
 2021 Tom Woosley, GA Safe Dams Program (retired)  
 2022 North Carolina Dam Safety Program

Midwest

1988 Tim Dahlstrand, STS Consultants, and Joel Reed, OH Dam Safety & Water Engineering Section  
 1989 City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri  
 1990 Senator Vernon Ehlers, Michigan State Legislature, and Leon Cook, Water Management Section, MI Dept. of Natural Resources  
 1991 Martin J. Stralow, IL Dept. of Transportation  
 1992 Glen Tamke, Ayres and Associates  
 1993 Brian J. Swenty, Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Program  
 1994 Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, Ishpeming, Michigan  
 1995 St. Clairesville (OH) Public Works, and Robert Lepke, Price County, WI  
 1996 Richard Knitter, WI State Dam Safety Engineer (retired), Madison, WI  
 1997 Miami Conservancy District, Doug Johnson  
 1998 Strata Services, Inc., St. Charles, Missouri

1999	Ohio Dam Safety Organization and the Ohio Water Development Authority
2000	Vernon County Land Conservation Department, Vernon Count, WI
2001	Miami Conservancy District, Doug Johnson and Kurt Rinehart
2002	Samuel Doak, McClure Engineering, East Moline, IL
2003	Terry Hampton, Gannett Fleming, Inc., Madison, WI
2004	Daniel M. Hill, Burgess & Niple, Inc., (retired)
2005	Hal Harper, Park Manager, Salt Fork State Park, Lore City, OH
2006	Eric Hand and Ken Leiser, St. Louis Dispatch
2007	James R. Hegarty, Prein & Newhof, Grand Rapids, MI
2008	Dr. James Hadley Williams
2009	Mia P. Kannik, Ohio DNR
2010	American Electric Power, Columbus, OH
2011	George E. Mills, Ohio DNR (retired)
2012	Consumers Energy, Michigan
2013	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
2014	Missouri DWR Water Resources Center
2015	Troy Naperala, AECOM, Traverse City, Michigan
2016	Ohio DNR Division of Engineering
2017	'Over, Under Gone – The Killer in Our Rivers' Documentary: Gary Harrison, WFIY Public Media, Manuela Johnson, SDRF Program Manager
2018	2018 Indiana DIRT Committee
2019	Recent Midwest State Dam Safety Retirees (George W. Crosby, Robert A Clay, James T. Pawloski, Bill Sturtevant)
2020	Iowa Department of Natural Resources River Trails Program
2021	Ohio Dam Safety Enforcement Team
2022	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.

#### West

1988	Diana Bassett, RiskPlan Inc., and Pat Hagan, CO Div. of Disaster Emergency Services
1989	Denver Water Board, and Senator A.V. Hardt, Rep. Jack Brown, and Rep. Polly Rosenbaum, Arizona State Legislature
1990	Rep. Rochelle Chronister, Kansas State Legislature, and the City of Grand Junction, Colorado
1991	City of Colorado Springs, CO, Water Transmission Dept.
1992	City of Santa Barbara, CA, and Noel Wong, Woodward Clyde Consultants; and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company
1993	Cheyenne, Wyoming, Board of Public Utilities, and the City of Olathe, Kansas.
1994	Nevada Irrigation District, California
1995	Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, SD
1996	City of Greeley, Colorado, and the Seattle Water Department and Seattle City Light
1997	HDR Engineering, Lake Tanglewood Dam Rehab
1998	Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District, Oroville, California
1999	David Hollingshead, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Boise, ID
	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles, CA
	Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation & ESA Consultants, Inc.,
2000	Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, Olympia, WA
	Clark County Regional Flood Control District, Clark County, NV
2001	David Kehrlein, CA Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Sacramento, CA
2002	Alan Pearson, Colorado Division of Water Resources, Denver, CO
2003	Lower Colorado River Authority and Darrel M. Temple, USDA-NRCS, Stillwater, OK
2004	Flood Control District of Maricopa County
2005	John France, URS Corporation
2006	Bruce C. Barrett, Provo Area Manager, US Bureau of Reclamation
2007	Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District, Austin, TX
2008	Dwayne E. Lillard, USACE Albuquerque District (retired)
2009	Ute Water Conservancy District
2010	Warren D. Samuelson, Manager, Texas CEQ Dam Safety Section
2011	Patrick J. Regan, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

- 2012 Elaine Pacheco, New Mexico Dam Safety Bureau
- 2013 Stormwater Pond Safety Program, Austin, Texas
- 2014 Oklahoma Conservation Commission
- 2015 Jennifer L. Williams, AECOM, Denver, Colorado
- 2016 John P. Clark, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and Michele Lemieux, Montana DNRC
- 2017 Jack G. Byers, M.S. P.E., Byers Group LLC
- 2018 New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- 2019 Brooke B. Conner, P.E., Senior Engineer, FEMA Region VIII
- 2020 Racquel Rancier, Policy Manager, Oregon Water Resources Department
- 2021 City of Santa Cruz Water Department
- 2022 Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

## REGIONAL DAM SAFETY AWARD

### Northeast

- 2023 Arthur Danny, Franklin Regional Middle School (PA)
- 2024 Kingston Water Department's Cooper Lake Dam Rehabilitation
- 2025 Burton Pond Dam Project (DE)

### Southeast

- 2023 City of Fayetteville (NC)
- 2024 Representative John Thomas Lamar III (District 8, Mississippi)
- 2025 The Town of Lake Lure (NC)

### Midwest

- 2023 City of Indianapolis, Department of Public Works (IN)
- 2024 City of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota
- 2025 Hinckley Lake Dam Rehabilitation Team (OH)

### Midwest

- 2023 Irvine Ranch Water District (CA)
- 2024 National Weather Service (Pocatello, ID)
- 2025 Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project (CO)

## NATIONAL AWARD OF MERIT

- 1985 Robert T. Stafford, Vermont Senator
- 1986 FEMA
- 1989 Don Basinger, USDA Soil Conservation Service
- 1990 Chris Veesaert, US Bureau of Reclamation
- 1991 David Campbell, O'Brien & Gere Engineers
- 1992 Hydro Review Magazine
- 1993 Daniel Fread, National Weather Service
- 1994 Neil Parrett, US Bureau of Reclamation (retired)
- 1995 Dateline NBC, Christopher Scholl, Producer
- 1996 Denis Binder, Chapman University
- 1997 Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond, MO
- 1998 James Lee Witt, Director of FEMA
- 1999 Harold Andress, FEMA
- 2000 Paul Coverdell, Senator from Georgia (posthumously)
- Blanche Lincoln, Senator from Arkansas, Frank Lucas, Congressman from Oklahoma
- 2001 ASDSO Dam Repair Financing Solutions Committee
- 2002 Congressman Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania
- 2003 All ASDSO Past Presidents
- 2004 Hon. Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania

2005 ASDSO Technical Training Committee: Randall Bass, Paul Schweiger, Dave Gutierrez, Rodney Tornes

2006 Michael Grounds, Beacon Resources

2007 The Honorable Sue W. Kelly (NY)

2008 Larry W. Caldwell, NRCS

2009 Frank Calcagno and Dan Mahoney, FERC

2010 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

2011 Perry Hensley, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

2012 Enrique Matheu, PhD, U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Major General Michael J. Walsh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2013 ASDSO Dam Owner Outreach Committee

2014 Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Resources

2015 Mark W. Pabst, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2016 Bruce A. Tschantz, University of Tennessee (retired) and Ronald A. Corso, FERC (retired)

2017 Senator Shelly Moore Capito (R-West Virginia); Senator Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island)

2018 Kory L. Honea, Sheriff of Butte County, California

2019 Wayne Graham, Bureau of Reclamation

2020 Mark Baker, DamCrest Consulting

2021 Jenifier Boyer, Emergency Management Coordinator for Midland County, Michigan

2022 Mark Ogden, ASDSO

2023 Keith Ferguson, HDR Engineering

2024 Michele Lemieux, Montana Dam Safety Section

2025 Michelle Yezierski. & The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Dams Sector Management Team

### **JOSEPH J. ELLAM PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

1985 Gerald Farquhar

1986 Bruce Tschantz, University of Tennessee

1987 Homer Willis, Bethesda, Maryland

1988 Joe Ellam, PA Dam Safety

1989 William Bivins, FEMA

1990 Cat Cecilio, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

1991 Jeris Danielson, CO State Engineer

1992 Brad Iarossi, MD Water Resources Administration

1993 Lori Spragens, ASDSO

1994 William Bingham, Gannett Fleming Inc.

1995 Martin McCann, Stanford University

1996 Terry Hampton, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

1997 Brian Long, Chair, Model Program Update Committee

1998 Brad Iarossi, ASDSO Legislative Liaison

1999 Lori Spragens, ASDSO Exec. Director

2000 American Portland Cement Alliance

2001 Susan Sorrell, ASDSO

2002 ASCE and Brian Pallasch

2003 2003 ASDSO Executive Committee (Moyle, Verigin, Phillippe, Galloway, Spragens, Iarossi)

2004 John Moyle, NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection, Chair of Dam Security Committee

2005 Alton P. Davis, Chair of Journal of Dam Safety Editorial Committee

2006 John Ritchey, New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection

2007 Kenneth E. Smith, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources

2008 Matt Lindon, Dam Safety Hydrological Engineer, Utah State Engineer's Office

2009 Michele Lemieux, Montana Dam Safety

2010 John W. France, Senior Principal, URS Corporation

2011 Dan Mahoney, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

2012 William Bingham, Gannett Fleming, Harrisburg, PA

2013 Mark Ogden, ASDSO

2014	Paul G. Schweiger, Gannett Fleming, Inc.
2015	No award
2016	Mark Baker, National Park Service, and Lucas Trumble, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
2017	Gregory Richards, Gannett Fleming
2018	Oroville Dam Spillway Incident Independent Forensic Team
2019	Ryan Knarr, P.E., PA Department of Environmental Protection
2020	No award
2021	Jim W. Gallagher, NH Department of Environmental Services
2022	Mark Ogden, ASDSO
2023	Jeremy Franz, CO Division of Water Resources
2024	John Watts, Former Senior Counselor for Sen. Dianne Feinstein
2025	John Ritchey, P.E.

#### **NATIONAL REHABILITATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

(In 1992, 1993, and 1994 this award was called the "Innovative Rehabilitation Designer of the Year")

1992	Bass Lake, Price Lake, and Trout Lake Dams (NC); GEI Consultants, (Designers) and National Park Service (Owners)
1993	Littlerock Dam; Woodward Clyde Consultants, Oakland, CA
1994	Weatherford Water Supply Reservoir, HDR Engineering, Inc., Austin, TX
1995	Lake Roland Dam, Whitman, Requardt Associates, Baltimore, MD
1996	Roosevelt Dam, US Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO
1997	St. Joe State Park Tailings Dam, Missouri Dept of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks
1998	Smith Lake Expansion Project (Stafford County) Woodward Clyde International, Gaithersburg, MD
1999	Penn Forest Dam, Gannett Fleming, Inc., Harrisburg, PA and the City of Bethlehem, PA
2000	Sugar Hollow Dam, Schnabel Engineering Associates, New Brunswick, NJ
2001	Wesley Seale Dam, Freese & Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth, TX
2002	Black Rock Dam, Gallup, NM; HydroPlus Inc., and GEI Consultants, Inc.
2003	Monument Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project, Boyle Engineering Corporation, Lakewood, CO
2004	Wickiup Dam Seismic Remediation, US Bureau of Reclamation and Hayward Baker, Inc.
2005	Piute Dam, Franson Noble Engineering, American Fork, UT
2006	Loch Raven Dam, Maryland, Gannett Fleming, Inc., Harrisburg, PA
2007	Cobble Mountain Reservoir, Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, Springfield, MA
2008	Gem Lake Dam, Southern California Edison
2009	Lake Burnt Mills Dam, GEI Consultants, Inc.
2010	Gatehouse Anchorage System for Prettyboy Dam - Alvi Associates, Inc., Towson, MD
2011	Big Tujunga Dam Seismic Rehabilitation and Spillway Modification – MWH Americas, Inc. and the Los Angeles County Dept of Public Works
2012	Lake Townsend Dam Rehabilitation Project – Schnabel Engineering, Inc.
2013	Wolf Creek Dam, USACE Nashville District
2014	Eagle Mountain Lake Spillway Dam, Tarrant Regional Water District and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
2015	Gilboa Dam, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Gannett Fleming, Inc., and Hazen & Sawyer
2016	Beaver Park Dam, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
2017	Lake Delhi Dam, Delhi, Iowa - Stanley Consultants, The Lake Delhi Combined Recreational Facility and Water Control District
2018	Hope Mills Lake Dam (Hope Mills, NC) - Town of Hope Mills, Schnabel Engineering, Inc., ASI Construction LLC
2019	Buckeye Lake Dam Improvements - Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Gannett Fleming, Inc., Michael Baker International, ASI Construction, LLC
2020	Stampede Dam - Safety of Dams Modification Project, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Reinforced Earth Company (Designer), NW Construction (Contractor)

2021 North Fork Spillway and Embankment Improvements Project - City of Asheville, North Carolina (Owner), Schnabel Engineering (Designer), Phillips & Jordan (Contractor)

2022 Santa Anita Dam Spillway Modification Project - Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Owners), Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Designers), Kiewit Corporation (Contractors)

2023 Isabella Dam Safety Modification Project – USACE (Owners & Designers), Flatiron, Dragados and Sukut JV (Contractors)

2024 Lake Williams Dam – The York Water Company (Owners), Gannett Fleming (Designers), Kinsley Construction (Contractor)

2025 Sevier Bridge Dam Rehabilitation Project, Phase II – Consolidated Sevier Bridge Reservoir Company (Owners), Gerhart Cole and Bowen Collins & Associates (Designers), Ames Construction (Contractor)

#### **BRUCE A. TSCHANTZ PUBLIC SAFETY AT DAMS AWARD**

2017 Paul G. Schweiger; Kenneth E. Smith

2019 Kenneth R. Wright

2021 Manuela Johnson

2022 Jerry Sweeten

2024 Rollin H. Hotchkiss

#### **YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

2018 Dusty Myers; Brian Crookston

2019 Benjamin Israel-Devadason; Kristen Martin

2020 Nathaniel Gee

2021 Lee Mauney

2022 Brandon Cruz; Kate Naughton

2023 Aaron Fricke; Carmen Lepsch

2024 Missy Setz; Cory Miyamoto

2025 Natalie Orbesen; Seth Thompson

#### **MEDIA OUTREACH AWARD**

2019 Samuel Joseph Fretwell III (The State, Columbia, SC)

2020 David A. Lieb, Michael Casey, and Michelle Minkoff (Associated Press)

2025 Kendra Pierre-Louis & Leslie Kaufman; Liam Niemeyer

#### **TERRY L. HAMPTON MEDAL**

2007 Arthur C. Miller,

2009 Darrel M. Temple

2012 David Campbell

2014 Ed Tomlinson

2016 Blake Tullis

2018 Melvin G. Schaefer

2019 Mustafa S. Altinakar; Sherry L. Hunt

2025 Tony L. Wahl

### **DANNY K. MCCOOK AWARD**

2013 James R. Talbot  
2017 Faiz I. Makdisi  
2022 John France  
2024 Donald A. Bruce