

## 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 Zeff, 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 Manage  
 2009 Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
 2010 Francis E. Fiegle, 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 Naperal, AECOM, Traverse City, Michigan  
 2016 Ohio DNR Division of Engineering  
 2017 'Over, Under Gone – The Killer in Our Rivers' Documentary: Gary Harrison, WFYI 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