

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 Zelif, 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 Naperala, 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 Kehrlin, 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)

West

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 Yeziarski & 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