

2009 BCWWA Award Recipients



Award:
Stanley S. Copp Award

Award Description:
Recognizes an individual's outstanding and continued service to the BC Water & Waste Association

Recipient:
Jack Bryden

For well over a decade, Jack Bryden has provided strong leadership to BCWWA as chair of at least two technical committees and as a member of the Board, including the office of President. The Association has benefited greatly from Jack's sharp scientific and tactical mind in the boardroom, his persistence in keeping current and relevant technical knowledge exchange at the top of the priority list, and his particular passion for engaging, mentoring and promoting future leaders. Jack is an inspired and distinguished leader in the water and waste community, a tireless champion of BCWWA, and a worthy addition to the ranks of the Stanley Copp Award.



Award:
Personal Recognition Award

Award Description:
Recognizes a key individual who has contributed to the success of BCWWA.

Recipients:
Claire Bayless

Claire Bayless has been involved with the BCWWA since the beginning of her engineering career. She was BCWWA's *Watermark* Editor from 2005 to early 2007, including continued service in that volunteer role during her maternity leave in 2006.

Additionally, she first attended the BCWWA conference in 2004 where she presented a paper on UV Disinfection. She has been an active member of the Drinking Water Committee, and acted as a Moderator at the Technical Transfer Sessions in 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009.



Nelson Porter

For a decade, Nelson Porter has been the embodiment of this Association's mission to safeguard public health and the environment through the sharing of skills, knowledge and experience in our community. He has literally shared his expertise and helped educate hundreds if not thousands of fellow operators as an Association instructor. In the role of BCWWA volunteer, he chaired the Operator Education Committee for four years, helped enhance Top Ops and worked countless hours developing training course, programs and curriculum. Nelson's tireless efforts raising the training bar in BC and the Yukon are an inspiration to his water and wastewater operator colleagues.



Chris Johnston

Chris Johnston has been an active BCWWA volunteer for nearly two decades. He remembers the days of meetings in Catherine Gibson's basement! In the early 90's he helped organize numerous seminars and workshops throughout the Province for the Small Water Systems Committee. He chaired the Watershed Management Committee from 1999 to 2004. For the last three years Chris has served as our Water Environment Federation Delegate. Chris has also worked on several conference committees and special committees over the years. As a member of the Leadership Council Chris has been instrumental in implementation of our new policy governance model. As the WEF delegate on the BCWWA Board, Chris' insight and practical ideas have served our members well.



Award:
Corporate Recognition Award

Award Description:
Honours a key organization, company or municipality that has contributed to the success of BCWWA.

Recipient:
CLOW Canada

CLOW Canada has provided long-term support of BCWWA through volunteerism on MSC and Conference Committees. The company regularly contributes to Water For People via active support at BCWWA and WFPC golf fundraising events, supports AWWA through volunteerism on several AWWA technical and administrative committees and runs a corporate 'support tap water' campaign. CLOW's employees also provide training to Operators in BC on valves and hydrants.



Award:
Bridge Building Award

Award Description:
Recognizes parties/individuals who help build linkages between our association and other groups.

Recipient:
Ted van der Gulik

Ted van der Gulik is a visionary and an innovator. While others talk, Ted does. His accomplishments are many and his innovative leadership encompasses provincial tools such as the Water Balance Model, the Water Bucket Website, and the Irrigation Scheduling Calculator.

In 2001, Ted saw the potential power of the Water Balance Model as a decision support tool for doing business differently. As Chair of the Inter-Governmental Partnership, he has been the steady hand at the tiller as the original spreadsheet calculator has evolved into a web-based and pan-Canadian tool that is receiving international recognition.



Award:
5S Society

Award Description:
For outstanding, meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the British Columbia Water & Waste Association, awardees are elevated on the official shovel to the highest ridge of the sludge bed, with the title of Sanitary Sludge Shoveler with all the honour, atmosphere, perquisites and dignity appertaining thereunto.

Inductees:
Darcy Dragonetti
Glen Brown (shown in picture)



Award:
Small Water System Award

Award Description:
Recognizes small water systems in British Columbia for initiatives that demonstrate outstanding effort in the delivery of safe drinking water.

Recipient:
Ymir Water Treatment Plant

The Ymir Water Treatment Plant was designed, manufactured and assembled for the community of Ymir (population 200), located within the Central Kootenay Regional District. This "green" facility is one of the first small plants to employ an analysis and design based on a triple bottom line framework, meeting the financial, environmental and social goals of the community. The focus was to build sustainable infrastructure, reduce the carbon footprint, conserve energy and ensure long-term financial viability.



Award:
Decentralized Wastewater Management Award

Award Description:
Recognizes a British Columbia or Yukon decentralized wastewater treatment facility, project, or organization for excellence in innovation and in design, equipment, and/or management practices.

Recipient:
Cowichan Valley Regional District

The Cowichan Valley Regional District has been very progressive in their position that local government can operate water and wastewater systems better than private utility operators. Failing systems have plagued the Regional District, and with their efforts at the willingness to take over systems, that have been able to secure funding to repair systems and make them sustainable to protect human health and the environment. The CVRD is presented with the Decentralized Wastewater Management Award on the grounds of their progressive nature, and their desire to provide a safer environment for the residents of the RD and be responsible for both residents and the environment.

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Award:
Okanagan College Bursaries

Recipients:
Andrea MacKintosh

Andrea MacKintosh graduated from Rutland Senior Secondary, Kelowna, in June 2007 and enrolled in the Water Quality & Environmental Engineering program at OC in fall of 2007. She completed the first year of the program with an 85.76 grade average. Andrea intends to complete the diploma program, and her career goal is to work in the environmental field re water quality.

Stephanie Pellegrino

Stephanie Pellegrino graduated from Penticton Secondary School in June 2007 and enrolled in the Water Quality & Environmental Engineering program at OC in fall of 2007. She completed the first year of the program with a 72.10 grade average. Stephanie intends to finish the diploma program and then proceed to Royal Roads or UBC-Okanagan to pursue a degree in Freshwater Science, or University of Calgary to pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering. Her career goal is to become an Environmental Engineer.



Award:
UBC Graduate Studies Bursaries

Recipients:
Saifur Rahaman

Saifur Rahaman received his B.Sc in Civil Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In May 2003, he completed his masters' degree in environmental engineering from Dalhousie University. He then moved to Vancouver where he is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the department of civil engineering at UBC, working on developing a reactor model for scale-up and design optimization of the struvite crystallization process for recovering phosphorus from domestic wastewater, under the supervision of Prof. Don S. Mavinic. Saifur is also actively involved with various university and professional organizations.

Ali Abedini

Alireza Abedini received his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Isfahan University of Technology and his M.Sc. in Environmental Engineering from Tehran University, thesis entitled "Feasibility Study of Municipal Solid Waste Recycling Potential in Zanjan Province".

He joined the Recycling Organization of the Municipality of Tehran as the head of research deputy and was soon appointed as the Manager of a World Bank funded project consisting of eight solid waste management sub-projects within the framework of the Tehran Solid Waste Management Project. In 2006 he joined the Department of Civil Engineering at UBC to pursue his PhD degree under supervision of Professor J. W. Atwater. Mr. Abedini is currently doing the initial steps of his PhD research on Landfill Gas Emissions and Modeling of Methane Generation in Municipal Landfills.



Award:
Victor M. Terry Award

Award Description:
Recognizes operators who have demonstrated ingenuity and proficiency in plant operations and/or maintenance.

Recipient:
Eric Jackson

Eric began his career in the water and wastewater industry working for the Ministry of Environment but soon found his way to becoming an Operator and a leader of Operators. Thirty years ago he was first certified as a WWT-I Operator (1978) and a WWT-II later the same year. He became a WWT-III in 1980. He was always pushing the Operators working for him to seek training and advance their certification.

He was instrumental in organizing the Okanagan Water and Waste schools for a number of years and served on the executive of the BCWWA for several years. He was a member of the EOCP Board for twenty-six years including more than fifteen years as its Treasurer and "Legal Beagle" until he retired in 2006. He has been one of the BCWWA's most popular Operator Training Instructors for many years and also teaches for MTS and INAC.



Award:
George Warren Fuller Award (AWWA)

Award Description:
Presented to a member of AWWA who has provided outstanding leadership or has made a significant contribution towards the advancement of water works practice within the Association or the Section.

Recipient:
Mike Nolan

Mike Nolan's 23 year career has been in the water supply field in BC. He has held a number of positions in local government in the areas of water management and operations and is currently the Okanagan Branch Manager for Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd. His local government experience includes: Regional District of North Okanagan; Vernon Irrigation District; City of Vernon; and City of Vancouver.

Mike Nolan has been a member of the AWWA since 1986. He has been involved in the board of the BCWWA since 1998 and is current President of the Association. He is also a member of the advisory Board of the B.C. Sustainable Infrastructure Society. He is a past director and past chair of the Water Supply Association of British Columbia and a former member of the Technical Advisor Board of Okanagan College University. He is currently a director of the O'Keefe Ranch and Heritage Society in Vernon.



Award:
Kenneth J. Miller Award (Water for People)

Award Description:
Honours outstanding volunteer service being contributed to this international humanitarian effort.

Recipient:
John Delver

John has committed countless hours in supporting the goals and objectives of Water For People, including volunteer work at the provincial, Canadian and overseas levels. John has provided both strong leadership and direct hands-on involvement in BC Section WFP activities including BC WFP chair, annual Golf Tournament chair, and silent auction fundraising.



Award:
AWWA Gold Water Drop

Award Description:
In recognition of 50 years of AWWA membership.

Recipient:
Gordon Proctor

Award:
AWWA Life Member Award

Award Description:
In recognition of 30 years of AWWA membership.

Recipients:
Lawrence Benjamin **Robert Jones**
Alan Grant **Thomas Moscrip**
Brian Johnston

