Each year APGA presents awards to recognize individuals within our organization who have gone above and beyond to represent the interests of APGA and public gas. It is important that we receive an adequate number of nominations for these awards that are presented at the Annual Conference. Therefore, the Awards Committee is asking for your help. Please take a few minutes to consider and recommend candidates for each of the following awards and return the attached nomination form to the APGA office by April 13. The APGA awards are as follows:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Public Gas System Achievement Award
- Personal Achievement Award
- Harry M. Cooke Personal Service Award
- J. Hardie Johnston Service Award

Please fax your nominations to the APGA office at (202) 464-0246 or send an email to sderingis@apga.org. Thank you for your assistance.

J. HARDIE JOHNSTON SERVICE AWARD

Criteria: Individuals who are retiring after serving 25 years in the gas service business and have participated as an APGA public gas system member representative or a retiring APGA Charter Member.

The following public gas system employees will be retiring in 2020:
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Criteria: Recipient has made substantial contributions to the public gas industry, maintains an unusual devotion to duty, exemplifies the highest ideals and finest traditions in the management of publicly owned natural gas systems, and has made contributions to the betterment of the community. Nominee holds a management position with an APGA public gas system member and has been active in APGA for at least five years.

Previous Winners:
2019 – Owen Reeves, Henderson, KY
2018 – Greg Henderson, Andalusia, AL
2017 – Jim Hodges, Smithville, TN
2016 – Rich Worsinger, Rocky Mount, NC
2015 – Jose Lozano, Valparaiso, FL
2014 – Matt Ballard, Sevierville, TN
2013 – Wade Stinson, Springfield, MO
2012 – Jeff Tuttle, San Antonio, TX
2011 – Mark Bussman, Cullman, AL
2010 – Tommy Miller, Orangeburg, SC
2009 – Mike Comstock, Mesa, AZ
2008 – George Bronson, Winfield, KS
2007 – Fred Crabtree, Winter Garden, FL
2006 – Gerald Borden, Evergreen, AL
2005 – Gerald Harmon, Austell, GA
2004 – Anthony Miller, Greenville, NC

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Criteria: Recipient is an APGA public gas system member whose performance is widely recognized in the public gas industry, has made substantial contributions to the community, other utilities and the goals of APGA. The system has expressed a willingness to exchange ideas and technology with others to ensure the gas industry will be the safest and most knowledgeable of all utilities. The system has been an active member of APGA for at least five years.

Previous Winners:
2019 – City of Tallahassee, FL
2018 – City of Rocky Mount, NC
2017 – York County Natural Gas Authority, SC
2016 – Philadelphia Gas Works, PA
2015 – Sevier County Utility District, TN
2014 – Okaloosa Gas District, FL
2013 – Pensacola Energy, FL
2012 – York County Natural Gas Authority, SC
2011 – Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, FL
2010 – City of Hamilton, OH
2009 – Middle Tennessee Natural Gas
2008 – Long Beach Gas & Oil, CA
2007 – Oak Ridge Utility District, TN
2006 – Watertown Utilities, SD

2005 – City of Mesa, AZ
2004 – New Ulm Public Utilities, MN
2003 – Southeast Alabama Gas District
2002 – Greenville Utilities, NC
2001 – Clearwater Gas System, FL
2000 – Chester County Natural Gas, SC
1999 – Okaloosa Gas District, FL
1998 – Sunrise Gas Dept., FL
1997 – Orangeburg Dept. of Public Utilities, SC
1994 – Jefferson-Cocke Counties Utility, TN
1993 – City Utilities of Springfield, MO
1992 – City of Palo Alto, CA
1991 – Memphis, Light, Gas & Water, TN

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PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Criteria: Recipient has made substantial contributions toward the goals of APGA and the natural gas industry. Nominee is an employee of an APGA public gas system member.

Previous Winners:
2019 – Gary Gibson, Springfield, MO
2018 – Al Bean, Jackson, AL
    Stephen Mayfield, Tallahassee, FL
2017 – Jim Heckle, Rock Hill, SC
2016 – Matt Stennett, Smithville, TN
    Pat Riley, Trenton, TN
    Kim Weaver, Rocky Mount, NC
2015 – Chuck Good, Pensacola, FL
2014 – Na Hoang, Colorado Springs, CO
    Todd Jorgenson, Austin, MN
    Chris Latch, Corinth, MS
2013 – Mark Bussman, Cullman, AL
2012 – Rich Worsinger, Rocky Mount, NC
    Don Suarez, Pensacola, FL
2011 – Jimmie Butler, Huntsville, AL
    Sam Davis, Jr., Winter Garden, FL
2010 – Jerry McCarthy, Austin, MN
2009 – John Leary, Chambersburg, PA
2008 – Gerald Paulus, Mesa, AZ
    John Sharpe, Brownsville, TN
2007 – Jose Lozano, Valparaiso, FL
2006 – George Bronson, Winfield, KS
    Ron Lilly, Corinth, MS
    Wade Stinson, Springfield, MO
2005 – Jim Hodges, Smithville, TN
    Tom Sewell, Clearwater, FL
2004 – Harry Still, Jr., Bay Minette, AL
2003 – Matt Ballard, Sevierville, TN
2002 – Mike Enoch, Chester, SC

2001 – Tommy Bible, Newport, TN
    Bert Magstadt, Watertown, SD
    Chuck Warrington, Clearwater, FL
2000 – Gerald Borden, Evergreen, AL
    Steve Clark, Rock Hill, SC
    Les Enoch, Smithville, TN
1999 – Mike Comstock, Mesa, AZ
    Anthony Miller, Greenville, NC
1998 – Ben Andrews, Waverly, TN
    Roger Cwiak, Palo Alto, CA
    Stan Hughes, Mesa, AZ
1997 – Fred Crabtree, Winter Garden, FL
    Gerald Harmon, Austell, GA
    Fred Pryor, Valparaiso, FL
1996 – Gerald Lee, Springfield, MO
    Tommy Miller, Orangeburg, SC
1995 – Gerald Ballinger, Carrollton, KY
    Ken Craig, Ft. Defiance, AZ
1994 – David Kearney, Richmond, VA
    Jim Smith, Andalusia, AL
1993 – Charlie Crockarell, Jackson, TN
    Harry Zehender, Sunrise, FL
1992 – Lonzo Lamb, Athens, TN
    Phil McMahan, Sevierville, TN
1991 – Sandra Ross, Oak Ridge, TN
    Julian Roberts, Winter Garden, FL

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HARRY M. COOKE PERSONAL SERVICE AWARD

Criteria: Recipient has made substantial contributions toward the goals of APGA and the natural gas industry. Nominee is not an employee of an APGA public gas system member.

Previous Winners:
2019 – Arthur Corbin, Kennesaw, GA
2018 – Zac Littrell, Franklin, TN
2017 – David Love, Decatur, AL
2016 – Lincoln Duncan, Arnold, MO
   Todd Brady, Washington, DC
2015 – Ed Young, Jr., Charlotte, NC
2014 – Larry Brown, Norcross, GA
   Dave Schryver, Washington, DC
2013 – John Erickson, Washington, DC
2012 – Rod Walker, Alpharetta, GA
2011 – Bill DeFoor, Kennesaw, GA
2010 – Dwight Work, Nashville, TN
2009 – Jeff Billings, Kennesaw, GA
2008 – Bob Beauregard, Washington, DC
2007 – David Love, Hartselle, AL
2006 – Stan Balis, Washington, DC
   Katrina Vaughan, Gainesville, FL
2005 – Rodney Dill, Kennesaw, GA
2004 – Phillip Bell, Jackson, TN
2003 – Shawn Aiken, Nashville, TN

Bert Kalisch, Fairfax, VA
2002 – Lori Traweek, Washington, DC
2001 – Chris Flood, Fairfax, VA
2000 – Chris Strippelhoff, Kennesaw, GA
1999 – Frank Petroski, Norcross, GA
1998 – Milton Cowlishaw, Tulsa, OK
1997 – Larry Hartman, Nashville, TN
1996 – Dean Park, St. Louis, MO
1995 – Harry Cooke, Raleigh, NC
1994 – Channing Verbeck, Bensenville, IL
1993 – Andy Massicott, Houston, TX
1992 – George Newton, Houston, TX
1991 – Carol Mrizek, Palo Alto, CA

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