



AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 2021

TO: APGA Members

FROM: Sam Davis, APGA Awards Committee Chair
General Manager & CEO, Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, Winter Garden, FL

RE: 2021 APGA Award Nominations

Each year APGA recognizes individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to represent the interests of APGA and public natural gas. It is important that we receive an adequate number of nominations for these awards, which will be presented at the Annual Conference in New Mexico in July. 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 15**. 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 2021:

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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:

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| 2020 – Sam Davis, Winter Garden, FL | 2004 – Anthony Miller, Greenville, NC |
| 2019 – Owen Reeves, Henderson, KY | 2003 – Fred Pryor, Valparaiso, FL |
| 2018 – Greg Henderson, Andalusia, AL | 2002 – Ken Craig, Ft. Defiance, AZ |
| 2017 – Jim Hodges, Smithville, TN | 2001 – Gerald Ballinger, Carrollton, KY |
| 2016 – Rich Worsinger, Rocky Mount, NC | Les Enoch, Smithville, TN |
| 2015 – Jose Lozano, Valparaiso, FL | 2000 – Chuck Warrington, Clearwater, FL |
| 2014 – Matt Ballard, Sevierville, TN | 1999 – Ben Andrews, Oak Ridge, TN |
| Jeff English, Grey Forest, TX | 1998 – Gerald Lee, Springfield, MO |
| 2013 – Wade Stinson, Springfield, MO | 1997 – Phil McMahan, Sevierville, TN |
| 2012 – Jeff Tuttle, San Antonio, TX | Harry Zehender, Sunrise, FL |
| 2011 – Mark Bussman, Cullman, AL | 1996 – Leonard Phillips, Memphis, TN |
| 2010 – Tommy Miller, Orangeburg, SC | Jim Smith, Andalusia, AL |
| 2009 – Mike Comstock, Mesa, AZ | 1995 – Ralph Wisz, Mesa, AZ |
| 2008 – George Bronson, Winfield, KS | 1994 – John DeMent, Huntsville, AL |
| 2007 – Fred Crabtree, Winter Garden, FL | 1993 – Edward Mrizek, Palo Alto, CA |
| 2006 – Gerald Borden, Evergreen, AL | 1992 – Jack Hilliard, Florence, AL |
| 2005 – Gerald Harmon, Austell, GA | 1991 – Harry Still, Bay Minette, AL |

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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS AWARD NOMINEE:

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PUBLIC GAS SYSTEM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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:

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| 2020 – CPS Energy, TX | 2006 – Watertown Utilities, SD |
| 2019 – City of Tallahassee, FL | 2005 – City of Mesa, AZ |
| 2018 – City of Rocky Mount, NC | 2004 – New Ulm Public Utilities, MN |
| 2017 – York County Natural Gas Authority, SC | 2003 – Southeast Alabama Gas District |
| 2016 – Philadelphia Gas Works, PA | 2002 – Greenville Utilities, NC |
| 2015 – Sevier County Utility District, TN | 2001 – Clearwater Gas System, FL |
| 2014 – Okaloosa Gas District, FL | 2000 – Chester County Natural Gas, SC |
| 2013 – Pensacola Energy, FL | 1999 – Okaloosa Gas District, FL |
| 2012 – York County Natural Gas Authority, SC | 1998 – Sunrise Gas Dept., FL |
| 2011 – Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, FL | 1997 – Orangeburg Dept. of Public Utilities, SC |
| 2010 – City of Hamilton, OH | 1994 – Jefferson-Cocke Counties Utility, TN |
| 2009 – Middle Tennessee Natural Gas | 1993 – City Utilities of Springfield, MO |
| 2008 – Long Beach Gas & Oil, CA | 1992 – City of Palo Alto, CA |
| 2007 – Oak Ridge Utility District, TN | 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:

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| 2020 – Jimmy Sprouse, Rock Hill, SC | 2003 – Matt Ballard, Sevierville, TN |
| 2019 – Gary Gibson, Springfield, MO | 2002 – Mike Enoch, Chester, SC |
| 2018 – Al Bean, Jackson, AL
Stephen Mayfield, Tallahassee, FL | 2001 – Tommy Bible, Newport, TN
Bert Magstadt, Watertown, SD
Chuck Warrington, Clearwater, FL |
| 2017 – Jim Heckle, Rock Hill, SC | 2000 – Gerald Borden, Evergreen, AL
Steve Clark, Rock Hill, SC
Les Enoch, Smithville, TN |
| 2016 – Matt Stennett, Smithville, TN
Pat Riley, Trenton, TN
Kim Weaver, Rocky Mount, NC | 1999 – Mike Comstock, Mesa, AZ
Anthony Miller, Greenville, NC |
| 2015 – Chuck Good, Pensacola, FL | 1998 – Ben Andrews, Waverly, TN
Roger Cwiak, Palo Alto, CA
Stan Hughes, Mesa, AZ |
| 2014 – Na Hoang, Colorado Springs, CO
Todd Jorgenson, Austin, MN
Chris Latch, Corinth, MS | 1997 – Fred Crabtree, Winter Garden, FL
Gerald Harmon, Austell, GA
Fred Pryor, Valparaiso, FL |
| 2013 – Mark Bussman, Cullman, AL | 1996 – Gerald Lee, Springfield, MO
Tommy Miller, Orangeburg, SC |
| 2012 – Rich Worsinger, Rocky Mount, NC
Don Suarez, Pensacola, FL | 1995 – Gerald Ballinger, Carrollton, KY
Ken Craig, Ft. Defiance, AZ |
| 2011 – Jimmie Butler, Huntsville, AL
Sam Davis, Jr., Winter Garden, FL | 1994 – David Kearney, Richmond, VA
Jim Smith, Andalusia, AL
Frank Turner, Covington, GA |
| 2010 – Jerry McCarthy, Austin, MN | 1993 – Charlie Crockarell, Jackson, TN
Harry Zehender, Sunrise, FL |
| 2009 – John Leary, Chambersburg, PA | 1992 – Lonzo Lamb, Athens, TN
Phil McMahan, Sevierville, TN |
| 2008 – Gerald Paulus, Mesa, AZ
John Sharpe, Brownsville, TN | 1991 – Sandra Ross, Oak Ridge, TN
Julian Roberts, Winter Garden, FL |
| 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 | |

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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 an employee of an APGA associate or affiliate member.

Previous Winners:

- 2020 – Bill DeFoor, Kennesaw, GA
- 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
Chris Strippelhoff, Kennesaw, GA
- 2000 – Gerald Ballinger, Carrollton, KY
Joe Britz, Bensenville, IL
Arthur Corbin, Kennesaw, GA
Sheila Deringis, Fairfax, VA
- 1999 – Frank Petroski, Norcross, GA
- 1998 – Milton Cowlshaw, Tulsa, OK
Philip Bentley, Norcross, GA
- 1997 – Larry Hartman, Nashville, TN
- 1996 – Dean Park, St. Louis, MO
- 1995 – Harry Cooke, Raleigh, NC
- 1994 – Channing Verbeck, Bensenville, IL
Bernard Weber, Horsham, PA
- 1993 – Andy Massicott, Houston, TX
- 1992 – George Newton, Houston, TX
- 1991 – Carol Mrizek, Palo Alto, CA

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