

# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***What Awards do you accept nomination for?***

*Project of the Year* for both Wisconsin Chapter Award and APWA National Award

*Outstanding New Member Impact Award* - The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage new or young APWA-WI members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service. In addition, the award recognizes that becoming an active member of the association will not only strengthen the association, but also grow stronger Public Works leaders.

*William J. Rheinfrank Award* - This award recognizes a person or organization that has had a far-reaching, positive impact on public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment to their community and the State of Wisconsin.

*John W. Curtis Chapter Service Award* - The John W. Curtis Chapter Service Award recognizes outstanding individual achievement through chapter activity and service to the Wisconsin Chapter while supporting the Association's strategic plan, goals, and objectives.

*Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award* - The purpose of this Award is to give formal recognition of honorary character to persons who have continuously served a local public or private agency long term in an official capacity and who have contributed to the advancement of Public Works practice as a member of the American Public Works Association thereby improving the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

## ***When are nomination due?***

All award nominations are due to the Wisconsin Chapter Awards Committee by the end of the day January 31. Note that nominations for a national APWA Project of the Year Award is shown to be due by early March. **The Wisconsin Chapter Awards Committee will forward all Project of the Year nominations to National by the deadline date.**

## ***What is the criteria for project of the Year nominations?***

The application for a Project of the Year award should be made to include all items listed in the criteria section for a National submittal. The criteria can be found under the Awards tab at [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net). The Wisconsin Chapter does not have any special criteria for Project of the Year awards.

## ***What is the criteria for the Chapter Individual Awards?***

The criteria for each award is provided on the Wisconsin Chapter website under the awards tab. Please see [www.wisconsin.apwa.net](http://www.wisconsin.apwa.net).

## ***Do I need to win a Wisconsin Chapter Project of the Year Award to be eligible for the National Project of the Year Award?***

You can win both a Chapter POY Award and a National POY Award. The Awards Committee will forward all nominations to National, whether it has been chosen for a Chapter Award or not.

## ***Who can make nominations?***

Award nominations are accepted from chapters, public agencies, corporations, APWA's general membership, as well as the general public.

***How do I nominate a project for a Chapter Project of the Year Award?***

- Complete the 1 page Project of the Year Nomination Form/checklist found at [www.wisconsin.apwa.net](http://www.wisconsin.apwa.net).
- Complete the National Project of the Year Award Nomination form
- Provide supporting documentation
- Provide project photos in a separate file

Submit all information electronically to [tim.barbeau@rasmith.com](mailto:tim.barbeau@rasmith.com) prior to the end of the day January 31.

***How do I nominate a Project for a National Project of the Year Award?***

All Project of the Year Award nominations submitted to the Wisconsin Chapter will be forwarded to the National Awards committee by the Wisconsin Chapter Awards Committee prior to the deadline. The information submitted to the Wisconsin Chapter must include the information required for the national nomination.

***How do I nominate someone for a Chapter Individual Award?***

Forms can be found on the Wisconsin Chapter website [www.wisconsin.apws.net](http://www.wisconsin.apws.net). Supplemental information is required from the nominee, therefore the Awards Committee is requesting that you contact the nominee to make sure they are willing to be considered for an award and are willing to prepare and provide the supplemental information required for each nomination. As an alternative, the Awards Committee is willing to reach out to the nominated persons to request information.

***Who judges the nominations?***

The Chapter Individual Awards are reviewed and considered by the Awards Committee. The Chapter Project of the Year Awards are judged by a panel of peers that include City Engineers and Directors of Public Works.

***Who do I contact if I have questions?***

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