

Awards Committee Search for Award Nominees!

Annual Awards Recognize Individuals for Contributions to MSWM and the Association

The SWANA annual Awards Program recognizes individuals and their organizations for their contributions to the Association, to solid waste management and public health/environmental protection. **Each year we ask the Chapters, the Membership and the Staff to nominate individuals for the following awards:**

Professional Achievement Award: Given annually, this award recognizes SWANA Members for valuable and distinguished contributions to the Association, the individual's employing organization and the general public. The length of continuous contributions and services by the individual is a consideration in the selection.

Robert L. Lawrence Distinguished Service Award: This award is intended for a Member or non-member who, by his or her service to the MSWM field, has demonstrated meritorious consideration. Determination of the award is based on the nominee's service and activity beyond normal responsibilities to the employer and to the general public. Not necessarily awarded each year, it represents the highest accolade the MSWM industry can give to an individual.

Life Member Award: Consideration for the Association's Life Member Award shall include an individual's length of service and commitment to the Association, service and support to Chapter(s), superior commitment and service to their employer, long term involvement in the field of municipal solid waste management (MSWM) in general, and the degree of significance of contributions to the Association and the field of MSWM.

No more than one award, (in addition to the Past President), may be given by the Association in a given year. Chapters may recommend through the Regional Councils candidates for the Association's Life Member consideration. The award shall be subject to the approval of the IB. Life members shall have full membership status, without charge to the Life Member, in the Association and all Chapters during their lifetime.

Honorary Membership Award: This award may be presented to non-members and SWANA Staff for continuous and significant contributions to the field of environmental protection, particularly in North America, with preference to those working in MSWM. Candidates who have been supportive of, and instrumental in, the conduct of SWANA's mission, directly or indirectly, are given particular consideration. One award is given annually, subject to International Board approval.

This is your opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of the SWANA Members in your organization and Chapter. Nomination forms are available through SWANA's website or by contacting Kathy Callaghan at (240-494-2248). All nominations must be received at the Association Offices **no later than March 1, 2012**. Nominees are reviewed by the International Awards Committee and recommendations are made to the International Board and Executive Committee for approval. All 2012 awards will be presented at WASTECON® 2012, August 15-17, 2012 in Washington, D.C.