

2020 ASDSO AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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Nominations Due May 15, 2020



Buckeye Lake Dam Improvements
2019 National Dam Rehabilitation Project of the Year



**Association of State
Dam Safety Officials**

2020 ASDSO AWARDS PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

ASDSO annually honors those individuals and organizations making exemplary contributions to the improvement of dam safety in the U.S. through its awards program. ASDSO is currently accepting nominations for the 2020 awards program. Recipients are invited as honored guests to attend the awards ceremony in conjunction with Dam Safety 2020 in Palm Springs, California and receive additional recognition in the ASDSO Annual Report, E-News, and the Journal of Dam Safety.

This nomination packet provides basic information related to this year's awards program including award descriptions, submittal requirements and submittal instructions.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 15, 2020 - All nominations and all supporting documents due to ASDSO

July 31, 2020 - Latest that award recipients will be announced

September 21, 2020 - Award recipients recognized at Dam Safety 2020 in Palm Springs, California

SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS

1. Review the award descriptions and submittal requirements provided in this packet.
2. Visit [DamSafety.org/Awards](https://www.damsafety.org/Awards) and click 'Submit a Nomination'.
3. If you are not already logged into the ASDSO Portal, you will be asked to log in. You do not need to be an ASDSO member to submit your nomination, but you must have an account.
4. Fill out the nomination form and provide any required attachments. Please note, only one nomination can be submitted at a time. To submit multiple nominations, you will need to complete separate entry forms.
5. Once you have completed your form, you will receive a confirmation email.
6. Award recipients will be notified by July 31, 2020.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are recipients recognized formally?

Award recipients will be recognized at an awards luncheon on September 21, 2020 that is held in conjunction with Dam Safety 2020 in Palm Springs, California. Award recipients are encouraged to attend; however, attendance is not mandatory.

Will recipients receive a free registration to Dam Safety 2020?

No, free full registration for the Dam Safety annual conference is not provided. However, recipients who are not already registered for Dam Safety 2020 will be able to attend the luncheon free of charge.

Do projects nominated for the National Dam Rehabilitation Project of the Year have to be a certain size?

No, projects of all scope and sizes are eligible to win as long as the project was completed prior to April 30, 2020.

How can I learn more about the ASDSO Awards Program? Where can I view the history of all ASDSO Awards?

Additional information, including a listing of past recipients and expanded information on all 2019 award recipients, can be found online at www.DamSafety.org/Awards.

Is there a cost to nominate someone for an ASDSO Award?

No. ASDSO does not charge a nomination fee for the awards program.

Does the nominee need to be an ASDSO member?

Although it is often encouraged, the nominee does not need to be an ASDSO member.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact Katelyn Riley at KRiley@damsafety.org or 859-550-2788 ext. 104.



2019 National Dam Rehabilitation Project of the Year

Buckeye Lake Dam Improvements

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Owner)
- Gannett Fleming, Inc. (Engineer)
- Michael Baker International (Subconsultant)
- ASI Construction, LLC (Contractor)



NATIONAL DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR

OVERVIEW

This award recognizes a unique remedial design, for a project of any size, that advances the state-of-the-art in the field of dam safety and exemplifies the professional engineering and construction standards that dam safety requires. The award is presented to the individual, company, agency, or organization whose project is judged to best represent those qualities from among this year's group of qualified nominees. Recognition is given to the dam owner, designer and/or the contractor. All project construction must be completed, and the project in full operation by April 30, 2020. Unfinished projects will not be considered for this year's award.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The nomination should include the following but be limited to 30 pages in total length:

- One page abstract that includes: 1) Owner; 2) Location; 3) Date of Completion; 4) Overview of the Dam; 5) Summary of Deficiencies; 6) Summary of Dam Rehabilitation; and 7) Statement of why the Project should be selected for the award.
- Project history that identifies the deficiency, design approach, design confirmation and acceptance, and construction procedures.
- Description of future benefits to the greater community including reduction of risk, environmental and aesthetics improvements, social impacts, and economic contributions.

AWARD CRITERIA

The following are the general criteria that will be utilized to judge the projects:

- Resourcefulness in planning and permitting.
- Achieving a successful resolution to the problem(s) or deficiencies encountered.
- Pioneering efforts in the use of construction procedures or materials.
- Innovations in design methods or project operations.
- Conservative and reliable design that is consistent with accepted engineering practices and standards of care in the field of dam safety.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 15, 2020.
- Nominees will be considered by the Awards Committee and the ASDSO Board of Directors, who will make the final selection.
- Award recipients will be notified in late July, and the award will be presented at Dam Safety 2020 September 21 in Palm Springs, CA.



REGIONAL AWARDS OF MERIT

OVERVIEW

The Regional Awards of Merit are given to individuals, companies, organizations, municipalities, or other entities working in the dam safety field that have made outstanding contributions to dam safety within each ASDSO Region. Past recipients include companies owning or operating dams that have shown marked improvement in maintaining or rehabilitating their dam(s) and their dam safety programs; individuals who have made exemplary contributions to dam safety in their communities; and local agencies with innovative ideas for improving their dam safety programs. Regional award nominations may focus on a notable rehabilitation, much the same as the National Rehabilitation Project of the Year award, but differ in that the award is recognizing the dam safety benefits to a specific area, state or region provided by the project(s). These awards are intended to recognize the overall contributions of an individual or organization. The nominated individual or organization should demonstrate recent, noteworthy efforts and accomplishments in the field of dam safety. ASDSO Regions can be found at <https://damsafety.org/regions>.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Provide the following using paragraph form. No resumes accepted.

- Description of the nominee's contribution to dam safety at a regional level.
- Other awards and honors received.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 15, 2020.
- ASDSO regions (represented by the ASDSO regional and state representatives) will select a recipient from each of the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and West regions.
- The state representative must approve the nomination. ASDSO will forward nominations to the proper state representative for approval.
- Award recipients will be notified in late July, and the award will be presented at Dam Safety 2020 September 21 in Palm Springs, CA.



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

OVERVIEW

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) Young Professional Award recognizes members under 40 years of age working in the dam safety field that have made outstanding contributions to the association, their respective organization, and/or the dam safety industry in general.

AWARD CRITERIA

This award is intended to recognize the overall contributions of an individual. Suggested criteria for this award includes:

- Recent, noteworthy efforts and accomplishments in the field of dam safety.
- Service to the advancement of the profession.
- Evidence of technical competence, high character, and integrity.
- Exemplary contributions to dam safety in their communities or organizations.
- Leadership in the development of younger member attitudes towards the profession and the association.
- Other evidence of merit, which in the judgment of the committee shall have advanced the association's objectives.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Provide the following using paragraph form. No resumes accepted.

- Description of the nominee's contribution to dam safety which meet the suggested criteria.
- Other awards and honors received.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 15, 2020.
- The nominations will be reviewed by the ASDSO Young Professional Interest Group and the recipients confirmed by the ASDSO Board of Directors
- The award may be awarded every year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Award recipients will be notified in late July, and the award will be presented at Dam Safety 2020 September 21 in Palm Springs, CA.



MEDIA OUTREACH AWARD

OVERVIEW

This award was established by ASDSO in 2017, to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions made by media outlets and journalists (to include those who work in print, broadcasting, and other media platforms) whose work on dam safety issues has enhanced public understanding of the impact dams have on society, the role they play as key components of public infrastructure, ramifications of dam safety incidents or other noteworthy contributions to Dam Safety.

Through this annual national award, ASDSO hopes to encourage continued coverage of dam safety related issues as a means of engaging the public in critical topics impacting their community, improving the safety of dams, and reducing the risk to the public.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees will be judged based on how well they:

- Fairly cover all sides of a dam safety project(s) or issue(s),
- Accurately describe the dam safety project(s) or issue(s),
- Effectively explain how the project or outcome of the issue affected the community or region,
- Utilize knowledgeable dam safety experts and
- Advance public knowledge and understanding of the need to reduce the risk and consequences of dam failure in the U.S.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Provide the following using paragraph form. No resumes accepted.

- Short description of how the nominee's work enhanced public understanding of the impact dams and nominee's overall contributions to dam safety.
- Copy of article(s), broadcast(s), and video(s) etc. to be considered for award.

In addition to work produced in the year prior to the nomination, a nominee's cumulative body of work related to dam safety will be considered. The award may be presented to one nominee or a team.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 15, 2020.
- The nominations will be reviewed by the ASDSO Media Outreach Committee and ASDSO Staff with the recipient confirmed by the ASDSO Board of Directors.
- The award may be awarded every year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- The award recipient will be notified in late July, and the award will be presented at Dam Safety 2020 September 21 in Palm Springs, CA.



BRUCE TSCHANTZ PUBLIC SAFETY AT DAMS AWARD

OVERVIEW

This award was established by ASDSO in 2017, to recognize and celebrate Bruce Tschantz's lifetime achievements in dam safety, his contributions to ASDSO, and his efforts to improve public safety around dams. The award will be given to a person who takes on the role of "local champion" and works to improve safety at dams. Often, no action would be taken without their efforts.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees should have a focus on improving safety around dams by:

- Raising public awareness about safety hazards around dams, especially low-head dams,
- Encouraging dam owners to take responsibility for ensuring public safety at dam sites,
- Actively participating in research efforts aimed at mitigating safety hazards around dams and/or
- Furthering efforts to carry out safety modifications at hazardous dam sites.

The recipient can also be a model dam owner who has made significant improvements to the public safety program for their dams.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Provide the following using paragraph form. No resumes accepted.

- Description of the nominee's contribution to dam safety at a regional level.
- Other awards and honors received.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 15, 2020.
- The nominations will be reviewed by the ASDSO Public Safety at Dams Committee and the recipient confirmed by the ASDSO Board of Directors.
- The award may be awarded every year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- The award recipient will be notified in late July, and the award will be presented at Dam Safety 2020 September 21 in Palm Springs, CA.



DANNY McCOOK MEDAL

OVERVIEW

This medal was established by the Affiliate Member Advisory Committee, now known as the ASDSO Advisory Committee (AdCom), to recognize Danny McCook's lifetime achievements in the field of geotechnical engineering and his contributions to ASDSO and the AdCom.

Danny McCook was an engineer who made major contributions to dam safety in the United States. After a long and distinguished 40+ year career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service), Danny continued to consult in the dam safety arena until his untimely passing. He was a life-long student of geotechnical engineering as it applies to dam safety, and he was always willing to share his knowledge and experience through papers, presentations, short courses, webinars, telephone calls, and face-to-face conversations. Danny and his contributions will continue to be sorely missed by ASDSO and the rest of the dam safety community. The award consists of a gold-plated medal and a certificate.

GUIDELINES FOR THE BASIS OF SELECTION

- The Medal will be awarded for outstanding contributions to research and/or practice in geotechnical engineering for dams.
- The Medal will ordinarily be granted for cumulative distinguished contributions in geotechnical engineering for dams. In exceptional cases, it may be awarded for a single contribution of outstanding merit.
- The Medal may be awarded every year at the discretion of the selection committee and will be limited to one individual, unless a nomination is based on work which was a joint effort of a substantial duration.
- No individual shall receive the Medal more than once.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Provide the following using paragraph form. No resumes accepted.

- A cover letter, signed by the nominator.
- The nominee's Curriculum Vitae or biographical information.
- Two to three letters of recommendation.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 15, 2020.
- The nominations will be reviewed and the recipient chosen by the ASDSO Advisory Committee.
- The award recipient will be notified in late July, and the award will be presented at Dam Safety 2020 September 21 in Palm Springs, CA.



TERRY L. HAMPTON MEDAL

OVERVIEW

This medal was established by the Affiliate Member Advisory Committee, now known as the ASDSO Advisory Committee (AdCom), to recognize Terry L. Hampton's lifetime achievements in the field of hydrology and hydraulics and his contributions to ASDSO and the AdCom. Terry, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, was a member of ASDSO since its inception and was a past chair of AdCom, a frequent speaker and moderator at ASDSO Conferences, and the recipient of the President's Award in 1996 and the Mid-West Regional Award of Merit in 2003. The award consists of a gold plated medal and a certificate.

GUIDELINES FOR THE BASIS OF SELECTION

- The Medal will be awarded for outstanding contributions to research and/or practice in hydrologic and hydraulic engineering for dams.
- The Medal will ordinarily be granted for cumulative distinguished contributions in hydrologic and hydraulic engineering for dams. In exceptional cases, it may be awarded for a single contribution of outstanding merit.
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