

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Facilities and Grounds recognizes the outstanding achievements in the area of facilities and/or grounds management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership and dedication to the public good.

Eligibility Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is management of public facilities and/or grounds is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Facilities and Grounds Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the committee.

Career Length Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated.

Employment Candidates may be employed in either the public or private sector; however, career service must be in the field of public works, specifically in the area of facilities and grounds.

Scope Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions in the field of public facilities and/or grounds.

Selection The award winner is selected by the Professional Manager and Snow and Ice Award Committee.

Criteria Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

Profession Significant contributions to the advancement of facilities and grounds management.

Leadership Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of facilities and grounds management.

Innovation Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective facilities and grounds management.

Employment Achievement Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of facilities and grounds operations.

Customer Service Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

Community Service Promotion of the field of facilities and grounds management in the community, agency or customers served.

Sustainability Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process Any group, individual, or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Nomination of a candidate is limited to one Professional Manager of the Year Award per year. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate's professional work.

Deadline March 1, 2022 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2021	Robert Antonelli, Assistant Commissioner, DPW & Parks; Parks Recreation & Cemetery Division, City of Worcester, MA
2020	Edward Olsen, Division Superintendent, Parks and Forestry, Needham, MA
2019	Shannon Sorrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Whitehall, OH
2018	Arthur Goodhind, Supervisor, Land Facilities and Natural Resources Division, Department of Public Works, Town of Natick, MA
2017	Robert J. LeBlanc, Superintendent of Highways, Parks and Cemeteries, Town of Walpole, MA
2016	Nick Caggiano, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, City of Nashua, NH
2015	Deborah Abraham, Division Manager, Columbus Consolidated Government/Public Works, Columbus, GA
2014	David J. Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, Operations Manager, Department of Public Works, Town of Lexington, MA
2012	Jeffrey A. Jenkins, PWLF, Facilities Division Manager, City of Tacoma, WA