



Don Hershey
Executive Director

PA-AWWA Awardees for 2020

On behalf of the PA-AWWA Board and Section staff, we congratulate all of the 2020 PA-AWWA awardees. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be presenting these awards at the 2021 Annual Conference at the Kalahari Convention Center in the Poconos!

GEORGE WARREN FULLER AWARD

Patricia Stabler

**Retired and PA-AWWA Volunteer:
Chester Water Authority**

Pat has a BA in Biology from Swarthmore College and an MSc. in Water Resources Engineering from Villanova University. She worked for five years in water research for the Stroud Water Research Center and the Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia. She then worked for several years at Roberts Filter as a project manager on 20 to 30 projects annually, and became an expert in rapid sand filter design, construction and rehabilitation. Along the way, she became a registered professional engineer.

Pat went on to the Chester Water Authority for almost 25 years where she had various positions of progressive more responsibility culminating in Chief of Treatment for a 60 mgd surface water treatment facility. She is past chair of the Pennsylvania AWWA Water Utility Council and was awarded the 2006 Pennsylvania AWWA Operators Meritorious Service Award.

Pat has a passion for excellence in service to the water industry in general and drinking water quality in particular. In 2013, under her direction, the facility received the Partnership for Safe Drinking Water Phase IV Excellence Award, currently only one of two in Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL S. BAXTER AWARD

Raymond J. Delo

**Retired and PA-AWWA Volunteer:
Pennsylvania American Water**

Ray Delo was responsible for guidance and support of Maintenance Management initiatives and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (control) systems for the many water and wastewater treatment and pumping operations across American Water (20 US States). Ray coordinated the development of several Maintenance Management and Control System best practices in American Water as well as many of the associated operational training programs. Ray has over 40 years of experience in the electrical and instrumentation and control system disciplines.

Ray joined the former Western Pennsylvania Water Company, a subsidiary of American Water, in 1981 as a maintenance service specialist based in the corporate engineering department in Pittsburgh. Ray was promoted to Director of Maintenance Services for Pennsylvania American Water Company in 1987, and Senior Director for American Water in November 2007. He was based at the company's corporate office in Hershey.

Prior to his work with American Water/Pennsylvania-American Water, Ray spent nine years with Westinghouse Electric (Pittsburgh) in both the Power Circuit Breaker and Switchgear Divisions. His responsibilities included quality control testing of medium- and high-voltage power distribution equipment. Ray was later promoted to the Industrial Engineering Department where his efforts focused upon production efficiency.

PA-AWWA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Douglas Komandt

Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority

Douglas Komandt earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree in Accounting, from the Clarion University of Pennsylvania, plus a Masters in Taxation conferred by the Robert Morris University. Douglas Komandt is a Certified Public Accountant licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Ohio and has served the drinking water industry for more than 28 years.

Doug began his drinking water career in 1992 with the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County as the Contract Administrator and earned a promotion to the position of Commercial Superintendent. In 2008, Doug accepted the position of Comptroller at the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority, where he continues to utilize his financial analytical expertise and strategic planning skills to serve the drinking water industry.

Doug has been a member of the American Water Works Association since 1997. Doug has served as PA-AWWA Western District Chair, PA-AWWA Section Chair, 2017-2018, and currently serves as PA-AWWA Section Treasurer.

Steven Riley

Entech Engineering, Inc.

Steven Riley earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Hofstra University in 1988, and worked for Citizens Utilities, SSM, and Entech Engineering, Inc.

Steve has served the water and wastewater industry for 32 years and has assumed progressively responsible roles within the industry, joining Entech