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*Outstanding State Section Award - 1985***

PETER HOMACK AWARD

Requirements and Procedures

1. Purpose

1.1. The Peter Homack Award will be awarded by the New Jersey Section, American Water Resources Association beginning in 1987 to recognize persons who have made outstanding contributions toward a multidisciplinary understanding or management of water resources in New Jersey.

1.2. The award honors the late Peter Homack, a former President of the New Jersey Section--AWRA and a distinguished New Jersey engineer. Mr. Homack was associated with Elson T. Killam Associates, Inc. for most of his career; his name became virtually synonymous with the firm's as it grew, under his guidance, into a leader in the fields of water resources and hydraulic and environmental engineering. Mr. Homack served as President of Killam Associates for thirteen years and as Chairman of the Board for an additional six years until his retirement in 1983. In recognition of his service to the New Jersey Institute of Technology (formerly the Newark college of Engineering), including his involvement in the Civil Engineering Department's Advisory Committee and the Institute's Board of Overseers, the New Jersey Institute of Technology awarded him the Edward F. Weston Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1973 and, an, honorary Doctorate of Engineering in,1978. The author of several technical papers, Peter Homack was active in numerous professional societies and committees, including the American Water Resources Association, for which he served as President of the New Jersey Section for two years. His career in water resources in New Jersey covered many aspects, including water supply, sewage treatment, and flood protection. Peter Homack was committed to bringing together knowledge and experience from diverse disciplines to address water resources problems, and the impacts of his efforts will continue to be felt throughout the State far into the future.



2. Awards Committee

2.1. The review of candidates to be considered for the award shall be a responsibility of the Awards Committee of the New Jersey Section.

2.2. The Awards Committee shall be chaired by a current member of the New Jersey Section in good standing and appointed by the Section President.

2.3. The Awards Committee shall be constituted of the Chairman of the Awards Committee, the Immediate Past President of the Section, and such other members of the New Jersey Section in good standing selected by the Chairman of the Awards Committee as necessary to perform the functions of the Committee and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

2.4. The Awards Committee shall also include a representative of Elson T. Killam Associates, Inc., to serve in an advisory capacity in the review of candidates for the award.

3. Presentation of Award

3.1. The award is to be presented by the Section President each year at the annual conference of the New Jersey Section.

3.2. The award will be a certificate signed by the current Section President and by the Chairman of the Awards Committee.

3.3. A plaque on which the name of each person would be inscribed (10-15 year period) will be maintained by the Section Treasurer and displayed at the annual conference.

3.4. The complete list of past winners of the award shall be published annually in the newsletter of the New Jersey Section.

4. Eligibility

4.1. Any individual meeting the criteria for the award is eligible to receive the award. An individual need not be a member of the American Water Resources Association or a member of the New Jersey Section, American Water Resources Association to be eligible to receive the award.

4.2. An individual may be considered for the award posthumously provided that, in addition to the other criteria, a person exists who will accept the award on behalf of the recipient.



5. Criteria

5.1. The following are to be construed as minimum criteria for consideration of an individual for the Peter Homack Award

- 5.1.1. The individual shall have performed activities consistent with the general purposes of the award, i.e. "made outstanding contributions toward a multidisciplinary understanding or management of water resources in New Jersey."
- 5.1.2. The individual shall have promoted the rational and objective development and utilization of water resources and the maintenance of high quality water resources in New Jersey.
- 5.1.3. The individual shall have made a significant contribution to understanding and communication among individuals from diverse disciplines toward the resolution of local or regional water resources problems within New Jersey.
- 5.1.4. The individual shall have evidenced a continuing interest and a record of outstanding contributions in the cause of effective water resources management.
- 5.1.5. The contributions of the individual should be applicable beyond the scope of the primary emphasis of the individual's activities. For example, for a contribution at a local level, the ideas, activities, or other contributions shall have been recognized or applied beyond the local area or shall be of such a meritorious nature that statewide recognition is appropriate.

6. Nomination

6.1. Candidates for the award may be nominated by any member in good standing of the New Jersey Section of the American Water Resources Association.

6.2. The Awards Committee of the New Jersey Section shall receive and consider any and all nominations received from the membership of the New Jersey Section. All nominations shall be submitted in writing, and shall include all appropriate documentation demonstrating that the minimum criteria for the award are met or exceeded by the nominee, including the following documentation to the extent applicable:

- 6.2.1. The name of the award for which the individual is nominated.
- 6.2.2. The name, address, and daytime telephone number of the nominee.
- 6.2.3. The position and affiliation of the nominee.
- 6.2.4. The membership status of the nominee (NJAWRA and AWRA).



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- 6.2.5. Education of the nominee, including highest degrees, major fields, institution, and dates.
- 6.2.6. Areas of specialization of the nominee.
- 6.2.7. Specific outstanding accomplishments and contributions meriting the award.
- 6.2.8. Record of relevant experience.
- 6.2.9. List of relevant publications.
- 6.2.10. Memberships in societies and organizations directly or indirectly related to water resources management and other pertinent accomplishments.
- 6.2.11. Other awards and honors received.
- 6.2.12. The name, affiliation, address, daytime telephone number, and signature of the person(s) submitting the nomination.

6.3. Nominations for the award shall be solicited by the Awards Committee on an annual basis. Nominations shall be submitted to the Awards Committee no later than June 1 of any year to be considered for the award in said year. Nominations received in any prior year may be reserved by the Awards Committee for consideration in any subsequent year.

6.4. The Awards Committee is authorized to nominate candidates for the award from among "scientists, educators, scholars, technologists, engineers, legislators, lawyers, planners, research workers, users, consultants, and other persons likewise concerned with the conservation, development, management, and utilization of fresh and marine waters and related resources together with their environmental aspects" consistent with the By-Laws of the New Jersey Section.

7. Selection

7.1. The recipient of the award will be selected by vote of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Section upon nomination by the Awards Committee of the Section.

7.2. The Awards Committee shall present to the Executive Committee by no later than September 1 of each year a list of all candidates nominated for the award and the reasons for the approval or rejection of each candidate for the award. The Awards Committee shall also recommend a candidate(s) for the award.

7.3. In making selections, the Awards Committee and the Executive Committee shall consider not only the written nomination and supporting material, but also personal knowledge of the contributions of the candidate under consideration. The selections shall be made on the known and demonstrated merit of the awardee, not on the skill of the person who prepared the nomination and supporting materials.

7.4. The award need not be presented each year and the award may be shared by two or more individuals in a given year if circumstances warrant, as determined by the Executive Committee and in consideration of the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

7.5. Each recipient of the award shall be notified by the Chairman of the Awards Committee within seven days of the selection by the Executive Committee. The recipient should be notified in writing and should indicate his/her acceptance of the award in writing. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, withdraw the award and/or select another candidate to receive the award if the recipient fails to indicate acceptance of the award within twenty days of the date of the notification.

7.6. The Executive Committee reserves the right to consider any and all nominations for the award for other awards of the New Jersey Section of the American Water Resources Association. The Executive Committee further reserves the right to forward any and all nominations for awards received by the New Jersey Section to the Awards Committee of the American Water Resources Association for consideration for any national award of the Association.

Approved by the Executive Committee: October 29, 1986.