

Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (FSSSSS)

Award Description

The Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers was founded in 1956 by David B. Lee to recognize industry professionals for their outstanding, meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association, previously known as the Florida Pollution Control Association. The Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers award is an award of the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA). Nominees must be a member in good standing of the Florida Water Environment Association at the time of their nomination.

Traditionally, the intent of the annual award is to honor an engineer, an operator, and a “peddler” if, in fact, three (3) candidates are deemed to have contributed outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association. In some years, only two (2) nominees have been inducted. In other years, four (4) candidates have been inducted if circumstances dictated such. In past years, the FSSSSS award was also presented to national association dignitaries in conjunction with the Florida Water Resources Conference (FWRC), historically referred to as The Joint Annual Conference, however this practice was discontinued in the mid 1980’s.

Nominations Procedure & Nominee Qualifications

In current practice, annual nominations are submitted by the FSSSSS Nominating Committee, whose makeup and function is dictated by tradition, to the pH7 of FSSSSS for review and concurrence by the FWEA Board of Directors. As dictated by tradition, the FSSSSS Nominating Committee is instructed by the pH 7 of their duties and provided the following guidelines for the selection of nominees:

- 1) The Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers award is an award of the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA).
- 2) **Nominees must be a member of the Florida Water Environment Association in good standing at the time of their nomination.**
- 3) It is the intent of the annual award to honor an engineer, an operator, and a “peddler” if, in fact, three (3) candidates are deemed to have **contributed outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association.** It is strongly encouraged, but not a requirement, that an engineer, an operator, and a “peddler” constitute this group of nominees.

4) If, in fact, the FSSSSS Nominating Committee cannot identify three (3) candidates who are deemed to have contributed outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association, the Committee shall only nominate those candidates, which meet the intent of the award.

5) The FSSSSS Nominating Committee may, in fact, nominate up to four (4) candidates, if four (4) candidates are deemed to have contributed outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association. It is strongly encouraged, but not a requirement, that an engineer, an operator, and a “peddler” be included within this group of nominees.

6) In some cases the Nominating Committee, may find itself with more than four (4) candidates for nomination who are deemed to have contributed outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association. In such cases, the Nominating Committee should consider the following in order of priority:

a) Nominees must be a member of the Florida Water Environment Association in good standing at the time of their nomination.

b) Nominees have demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association.

c) Nominees have demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Rescues Conference.

d) Nominees have demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

e) Nominees have made significant contributions to the wastewater industry in Florida in general.

The Nominating Committee will advise the pH 7 of their slate of nominees in a timely fashion. The Nominating Committee is encouraged to advise the pH 7 of FSSSSS of potential candidates who should be given consideration by future Nominating Committees.

As the the Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers award is an award of the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA), the pH 7 of FSSSSS will submit the list of nominees from the Nominating Committee to the FWEA Board

of Directors for review and concurrence. The FWEA Board will issue approval to the pH 7 of FSSSSS regarding the nominees.

Further, the FWEA Board of Directors may, at their option, also annually nominate one (1) additional candidate, who in the opinion of the Board has demonstrated outstanding and meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Florida Water Environment Association, for the award. If the FWEA Board, in fact, does exercise its right to nominate one (1) additional candidate, the FWEA Board will issue approval to the pH 7 of FSSSSS regarding said nominee.

Induction Ceremony

The Nominating Committee will assist the pH 7 as dictated by tradition to prepare for the Induction Ceremony. The Induction Ceremony is held during the FWRC Awards Luncheon at the annual Florida Water Resources Conference. The FSSSSS award(s) will be presented by the pH7 of FSSSSS as dictated by tradition.

The nominee must be present at the FWRC Awards Luncheon to receive his award as dictated by tradition.

Upon successful completion of the induction ceremony, the nominee will be “elevated on the official shovel to the highest ridge on the sludge bed, with the title of Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shoveler, with all the honor, atmosphere, perquisites, and dignity appertaining thereunto”.

The rules and obligations as dictated by tradition bind members of the Florida Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (FSSSSS).