

Nomination deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023

OOWA recognizes individual association members and organizations who demonstrate outstanding commitment and accomplishment to both the industry and the organization. These dedicated professionals embody OOWA's vision of promoting and integrating onsite and decentralized wastewater treatment as a consistent, reliable, effective, and permanent servicing solution to our communities. OOWA award nominees and winners integrate OOWA's values by advocating for and implementing environmental protection. These individuals bring economic viability to our province, promoting healthy and sustainable communities and collaboration through education and outreach. OOWA will provide awards according to the following categories:

#### **OOWA Industry Ambassador of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual member who has done something extraordinary within the past year. This individual has helped to improve the onsite wastewater industry and our communities, and they have increased awareness of the value of decentralized and Onsite wastewater management in Ontario. This devoted OOWA member represents the industry and the organization with positive work and strong personal values, implements the OOWA Code of Ethics and is recognized by their clients, business associates and cohorts to conduct their services with exceptional integrity. Overall, this person is an outspoken advocate of the industry.

#### **OOWA Corporate Steward Award**

This award recognizes a corporate member for leading in environmental programs that provide protection, renewal, or education on water resource management with Onsite and decentralized solutions. This business or association has contributed in an exceptional way to the improved standards of practice, better public policy, or increased awareness of the value of decentralized and Onsite wastewater management in Ontario. This corporate member leads by example for other companies, cohorts, and industry stakeholders of how to give back and advocate for the environment and our valued natural resources.

#### **OOWA Director of the Year**

This award is presented to an OOWA Director recognizing their contribution to the Association and membership during this past year. This individual has demonstrated exceptional input and understanding according to the objectives of the association. This Board Member has dedicated their time, effort and personal resources to the ongoing guidance and strategic improvements of the association over the last year. They have consistently kept the best interests of the organization and the industry before any other gains when representing the Association.

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**OOWA Volunteer of the Year**

This member has contributed well above expectations to a committee or task group in this past year. This OOWA member has dedicated their time, effort, and personal resources to advance the objectives of the Association through committee work and collaboration. They have given back to the industry that supports their occupation and are committed to the objectives of the committee. This individual represents OOWA with exemplary conduct, demonstrating positive values and attitudes.

**OOWA Corporate Innovator**

This member demonstrates exemplary innovation in and advancement of onsite and decentralized wastewater treatment and management. They have forwarded a product or service solution that adds value to decentralized wastewater management or treatment. They have elevated innovative concepts and technologies, strengthening both the calibre of the industry calibre and of the Association.

**OOWA Young Professional of the Year**

This award recognizes the outstanding contributions of an OOWA member who is 30 years old or younger. They exhibit the enthusiasm, drive, and professionalism required for success in our industry. This person is an OOWA member, abides by the OOWA Member Code of Conduct, dedicates their time volunteering for industry-related activities, and demonstrates leadership within the onsite wastewater industry.

**OOWA Small Business Owner of the Year**

This award recognizes dedicated small business owners who work tirelessly to serve their clients in delivering quality work and services. Small businesses are the core constituents of OOWA's membership, and are the front line representatives of the onsite wastewater industry. The small business owner of the year is an OOWA member, abides by OOWA's Member Code of Conduct, and is recognized by those in their community and the industry as having exceptional integrity and reliability.

**OOWA Collaborator of the Year**

Both organizations and individuals are eligible for this award. They work with OOWA on collaborative projects or ongoing efforts to improve industry performance, environmental outcomes, or community benefit.

OOWA has a dedicated, talented, and accomplished constituency that includes both individuals and organizations. By recognizing the vital roles and contributions made by its members, the Association leverages the collective strength of the membership to promote enduring changes and rewards to our communities.

OOWA encourages members to nominate those who should be recognized for their efforts and contributions. Please complete our award nomination form and email it to Jenn McCallum by February 10, 2023, at [outreach@oowa.org](mailto:outreach@oowa.org).

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