

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: **Awards**

Submitted by: Tina McMartin (Chair) and Brandon Hilbrich (Vice-chair)

Report Date: 3/31/22



Committee Mission/Purpose

PURPOSE

The purpose of the awards committee is to facilitate the annual process for each of the USSD awards:

- Student Scholarship Awards
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Outstanding YP Award
- Excellence in the Constructed Project Award
- Outstanding Paper and Outstanding YP Paper Awards
- Outstanding Poster Award

MISSION

Lifetime Achievement Award, Constructed Project Award, and Outstanding Paper and Poster Awards:

- Highlight achievements of our membership and contributions to our profession.

Scholarship Award:

- Support research that has the potential to develop practical solutions to design and construction challenges related to dams and levees.
- Bring next generation into the industry.

2021 Goals/Accomplishments

Facilitated awards for virtual conference:

- Lifetime Achievement Award to Paul Rizzo
- Outstanding YP award to Veronica Barredo
- Excellence in the Constructed Project to TVA's Pickwick Landing Dam South Embankment Seismic Upgrade Project
- 4 Scholarship Finalists awarded \$5,000 each
- *No outstanding paper or poster awards given during virtual conference*

Increased participation in student scholarship award:

- 8 applicants in 2022 (versus 5 in 2021).

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2022 Goals

- ❖ **Continue to facilitate awards process**
- ❖ **Grow the committee under new chair, Brandon Hilbrich**
- ❖ **Revamp student scholarship award to align better with mission:**
 - Attract undergraduates and master's students with a research proposal with work remaining (versus PhD candidates with nearly-completed research and results).
 - Incorporate funding accountability by inviting them back the following year to present findings.

What do you need to accomplish your 2022 goals?

Participation from Board and members in revisions being made to the Scholarship Award program (initiative being led by Elana Sossenkina).