

## **GMDA AWARDS PROGRAM**

GMDA has 3 awards which association members can request that the board award. They are described below with the award recipients for each year.

### **WATER RESOURCE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, select a candidate for the previous years most outstanding water resource person. Each state lead director, in cooperation with any other person or group, may nominate a single candidate for this award. Nominations may include a person, firm, organization, district, agency or other organized entity, panel, authority or board. Nominations shall include a narrative detailing the contributions, services, effective representation, etc. towards the management, conservation, and protection of the groundwaters of any state or region, or to the USA, for any beneficial purpose, for the previous year's time.

Recipients:

1982 - High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, TX  
1983 - No Award  
1984 - Kansas Water Authority, KS  
1985 - United States Soil Conservation Service, USA  
1986 - 1987 - No Award presented  
1988 - Cecil Regier, North Plains Research Field, TX  
1989 - 1990 - No Award presented  
1991 - Nebraska Groundwater Foundation  
1992 - John J. Vasa, CO  
1993 - Present - No Award presented

### **GMDA PROMOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Each state lead director, in cooperation with any person or group, may nominate a single candidate for the most active and successful GMDA promoter of the year. Only current year members of the Association are eligible for this award. Nominations shall include a narrative detailing the nominee's efforts in encouraging and successfully promoting the Association.

Recipients:

1982 - Thomas Bell, KS  
1983 - Frank Dragoun, NE  
1984 - Wayne Bossert, KS  
1985 - 1991 - No Award presented  
1992 - Jack Adams, CO  
1993 - 1996 - No Award presented  
1997 - Mel Noffke, NE  
1998 - Larry Angle, NE  
1999 - present - No Award presented

## **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The Board of Directors of the Association at its prerogative may recognize an individual for exemplary service and contributions to the Association directly, or toward achievement of the Association's goals or ideals through other avenues of influence, by bestowing upon that individual an Honorary Life Membership in the Association, free of charge, yet with all rights and privileges of dues paying members. In addition to the board nominations, anyone else can offer nominations in an unformatted style.

Recipients:

1982 - Deon Axthelm, NE  
1983 - Frank Rayner, TX  
1984 - Frank Gorman, CO  
1985 - David Pope, KS  
1986 - 1987 - No Award presented  
1988 - Morris White, NE  
1989 - Wayne Bossert, KS  
1990 - 1999 - No Award presented  
2000 - Arlond Garratt, NE  
2001 - 2003 - No Award presented  
2004 - Mel Noffke, NE  
2005 - No Award  
2006 - Jack Adams, CO  
2007 - No Award presented  
2008 - James McCray, TX

(Note: The award year represents the Annual Conference in which the award was presented)