



**New Jersey Section  
American Water Resources Association**

**Peter Homack Award  
Requirements and Procedures**

**1. Purpose**

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

- 2.1 The solicitation for and review of candidates to be considered for the award shall be the responsibility of the Homack Award Committee of the New Jersey Section.
  
- 2.2 The Homack Award Committee Chairperson shall be a current member of the New Jersey Section in good standing and shall be appointed by the Section President.
  
- 2.3 The Homack Award Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson of the Homack Award Committee, and other members of the New Jersey Section in good standing subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
  
- 2.4 Persons who nominate individuals are recused from participation on the Homack Award Committee, effective only for the year the nomination is made. They may serve in subsequent years, provided they do not put forth additional nominations.

### **3. Presentation of Award**

- 3.1 The award is to be presented by the Section President and the Homack Award Committee Chairperson each year at one of the annual Section events, such as the Past Presidents meeting or the Annual Meeting.
- 3.2 A plaque on which the name of each person will be inscribed (10-15 year period) shall be maintained by the Section.
- 3.3 The complete list of past winners of the award shall be published annually, such as in the newsletter of the New Jersey Section and/or on the Section website.

### **4. Eligibility**

- 4.1 Any individual meeting the criteria for the award is eligible to receive the award. An individual need not be a national member of the American Water Resources Association or of the New Jersey Section to be eligible to receive the award. Candidates can be from the public or private sectors. Their water resources achievements may be as part of their primary employment or as a volunteer or elected official.
- 4.2 An individual may be considered for the award posthumously provided that, 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 maintenance of high quality water resources in New Jersey development through rational and objective utilization of water resources.
  - 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 in 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.
  - 5.1.6 The individual’s water resources achievements may have been accomplished as part of his/her primary employment or through involvement as a volunteer or elected official.

## **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 Homack Award 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. The following documentation should be submitted:
  - 6.2.1 The name, address and daytime telephone number of the nominee.
  - 6.2.2 The position and affiliation of the nominee.
  - 6.2.3 The membership status of the nominee (NJAWRA and AWRA).
  - 6.2.4 Education of the nominee, including highest degrees, major fields, institutions and dates.
  - 6.2.5 Areas of specialization of the nominee
  - 6.2.6 Specific outstanding accomplishments and contributions meriting the award, including professional and volunteer accomplishments.
  - 6.2.7 Record of relevant experience.
  - 6.2.8 List of relevant publications (if applicable).
  - 6.2.9 Memberships in societies and organizations directly or indirectly related to water resources management and other pertinent accomplishments.
  - 6.2.10 Other awards and honors received.
  - 6.2.11 The name, affiliation, address, telephone number and signature of the person(s) submitting the nomination.
- 6.3 Nominations for the award shall be solicited by the Homack Award Committee on an annual basis. The Homack Award Committee shall establish a deadline for submission of nominations for each calendar year.
- 6.4 The Homack Award Committee may, in addition to nominations from the current calendar year, also consider nominations from any previous year.
- 6.5 The Homack Award 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".

**7. Selection**

- 7.1 The recipient of the award will be selected by a vote of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Section upon recommendation by the Homack Award Committee.
- 7.2 The Homack Award Committee shall present the Executive Committee with a list of all candidates nominated for the award shall recommend a candidate(s) for the award.
- 7.3 In making selections, the Homack Award Committee and the Executive Committee may consider not only the written nomination and supporting material, but also personal knowledge of the contributions of the candidate under consideration. The selection 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 Homack Award Committee.
- 7.5 Each recipient of the award shall be notified by the Chairperson of the Homack Award Committee or the Section President within seven (7) 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 (20) days of the date of the notification.
- 7.6 The Executive Committee reserves the right to consider any and all nominations for the Homack 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 Award Committee of the American Water Resources Association for consideration for any national award of the Association.

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