2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Harris Seidel Lifetime Achievement Award:
John Solvie, City of Las Vegas

Robert C. McAnespie Outstanding Certification Officer Award:
Kathy Abramowski, Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development

Jess Jones Excellence in Service Award:
William Hyslop, Environmental Operators Certification Program

Jenny Chambers, Montana DEQ

Certification Program Award: NC AWWA-WEA Maintenance Technologist Training and Certification Program

Our Objectives

• Promote certification as a means of protecting public health, the infrastructure, and the environment
• Promote uniformity of standards and best practices in certification.
• Serve as the technical resource for certification entities.
• Facilitate the transfer of certification between certifying authorities.
• Serve the needs of our members.
ABC Awards Committee is seeking nominations to recognize the efforts of ABC members, volunteer board and committee members, and others who advance environmental certification. These awards are:

HARRIS F. SEIDEL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is the premier award issued by the Association and is presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding lifetime contribution toward advancing the cause of certifying environmental professionals. Qualifying contributions for this award include contributions through time and effort; innovative and successful approaches; leadership; development of materials; or any combination of these. The contributions shall be of regional, national or international scope, and of lasting value in enhancing and verifying the knowledge and performance of environmental professionals resulting in a more highly qualified workforce. The recipient need not have been or currently be an operator or a member of a certification board or committee.

About Harris Seidel: Harris Seidel’s contributions date back to 1972, ABC’s first year and continue to 2009. He is a Past President of ABC (1972-73) and the Water Environment Federation (1963-64). Mr. Seidel previously served on the Iowa Joint Board of Certification and was the Director of Water and Pollution Control for the City of Ames, Iowa from 1954-1991. He continues to serve ABC on a variety of senior and strategic issues, most recently on the Strategic Planning Committee and the Executive Director Search Task Force.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AWARD is presented to a member certifying authority in recognition of outstanding contribution toward establishing or advancing the certification of environmental professionals. The certifying authority shall have contributed through time and effort; innovative and successful approaches; leadership; development of materials; or a combination of any of these. The contributions shall be of state/provincial, regional, national or international scope, and of lasting value in enhancing and verifying the knowledge and performance of environmental professionals resulting in a more highly qualified workforce. The nominee shall be a member of the Association.

ROBERT C. MCANESPIE OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATION OFFICER AWARD Robert C. McAnespie Outstanding Certification Officer Award is presented to a member certification officer in recognition of outstanding contribution toward establishing or advancing certification. The certification officer shall have contributed through time and effort; innovative and successful approaches; leadership; development of materials; or a combination of any of these. The contributions shall be of lasting value in improved performance by more highly qualified workforce in their program.

About Robert C. McAnespie: Robert McAnespie was a wastewater operator certification administrator in Massachusetts from the early 70’s through the early 90’s and served as ABC President in 1988. He was an ardent supporter of ABC and was active in developing workgroups that have since evolved into the current Scheme committee format. He encouraged the Association to be inclusive of those programs offering environmental control certification and was a proponent of ABC fostering collaboration between these programs while developing high quality certification exams.

JESS JONES EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD is presented to volunteer(s), or groups of volunteers, in recognition of outstanding service to ABC. The volunteer(s) shall have contributed to the Association through time and effort, innovative and successful approaches, leadership, development of materials, or a combination of any of these. The recipient(s) may be any individual or group who meets the qualifications, need not have been or currently be a member of ABC, and need not have been or currently be an operator or a member of a certification board or committee.

About Jess Jones: Jess Jones retired from the City of Cincinnati Water Works as Assistant Superintendent after thirty years of public service and served as chair of ABC’s Distribution Validation & Examination Committee for six consecutive years. He was extensively involved in ABC and readily shared his enthusiasm for the Association with others. In 2008, he was recognized for his service and dedication to advancing water quality and integrity with ABC’s Excellence in Service Award.