



AWARDS REVIEW



GILD OF ANCIENT SUPPLERS AWARD

JOE HAMPTON

Joe Hampton, President, Alabama, Gulf Coast, and Mississippi, Spire Inc., will be receiving the Gild of Ancient Supplers Award for his leadership as chair of AGA's Operations Section Managing Committee. A donation in the amount of \$500 will go to the A.G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club, Birmingham, Alabama.



AGA DISTRIBUTION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

KEVIN NISHIMURA

Kevin Nishimura of Hawai'i Gas has been selected to receive the 2024 AGA Distribution Achievement Award.

AGA is recognizing Mr. Nishimura for his unwavering dedication and leadership within Hawai'i Gas towards achieving a clean energy future. Throughout his career of more than 30 years, he has not only skillfully managed Hawai'i Gas' extensive network, ensuring reliable service across six major islands, he has also been a pioneer in integrating innovative energy solutions such as hydrogen fuel blends and renewable natural gas (RNG), moving the company closer to its carbon neutrality objectives.



AGA MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

OTTO MCMILLAN

Otto McMillan of Piedmont Natural Gas has been selected to receive the 2024 AGA Meritorious Service Award.

The AGA Meritorious Service Award is presented to individuals who have performed the worthiest act in the gas industry – saving a human life. AGA is recognizing Mr. McMillan for his heroic actions during three separate life-threatening events. His decisive response to a potentially tragic house fire and immediate intervention after witnessing not one, but two serious automobile accidents, sets a new standard in serving the communities our member companies are a part of.



AGA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARD



Marty Lyons (Ameren Chairman, President & CEO), Scott Hixson (Manager, Data Analytics), Scott Lithgow (Supervisor, Gas Dispatch), Jeff Berry (Superintendent, Gas Operations), and Lenny Singh (President, Ameren Illinois)

AMEREN ILLINOIS

Scott Hixson, Scott Lithgow and Jeff Berry of Ameren Illinois have been selected to receive the 2024 AGA Research and Innovation Award.

The AGA Research and Innovation Award is presented to an individual, group, or company who has made an outstanding contribution to improving the natural gas system safety, delivery, design, construction, operation, maintenance, efficiency, or environmental footprint through their research and/or innovation efforts. AGA is recognizing Mr. Hixson, Mr. Lithgow and Mr. Berry for their contributions to the AMI Analytics Process Improvement initiative on customer safety at Ameren Illinois. The process helped to proactively identify irregular usage that could indicate a hazardous situation with residential customers' gas facilities. The efforts of this team yielded results that were highly anticipated, potentially life-saving and provided unforeseen opportunities to inform customers of anomalous gas usage due to circumstances un-related to gas leaks. This initiative is a testament to the effective collaboration between Ameren Illinois employees focused on enhancing safety.

SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following AGA member companies have earned Safety Achievement Awards for their outstanding commitment to employee and vehicular safety in 2023. The selection was based upon the companies that submitted their annual safety statistical data for calendar year 2023, based upon OSHA Recordable Injuries and Illnesses and Reportable Vehicle Incidents.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY

Local Distribution

- Small – Appalachian Natural Gas
- Medium-Small – Pacific Northern Gas
- Medium-Large – Hawai'i Gas
- Large – Hope Gas
- Very Large – Comgás
- Enbridge Gas Ohio
- Mega – ONE Gas, Inc.

Combination Utilities

- Small – Wisconsin Public Service
- Medium – Liberty
- Large – Puget Sound Energy

Transmission

- Dow Pipeline Company

VEHICULAR SAFETY

Local Distribution

SiEnergy

Combination Utility

Alliant Energy

Transmission

Dow Pipeline Company

Small Member*

Appalachian Natural Gas

**All companies with a fleet mileage less than 1,000,000 miles were considered a small member.*

INDUSTRY LEADER ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The following AGA member companies have earned Accident Prevention Certificates by achieving a DART-incident rate below the industry average for their company type.

Local Distribution

- **Small**

The Energy Cooperative
Superior Water, Light & Power Company
City of Clearwater Gas System
City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Valley Energy
Greater Minnesota Gas
Maine Natural Gas
Union Oil & Gas Company, Inc.
Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works
Westfield Gas & Electric Light Department
EPCOR
NV Energy
SiEnergy

- **Medium-Small**

Ameren Missouri
UNS, Gas Inc.

- **Medium-Large**

Dominion Energy South Carolina
ENSTAR Natural Gas Company
Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation
Entergy Services, Inc.
Elizabethtown Gas
Columbia Gas of Virginia
CPS Energy

- **Large**

Dominion Energy North Carolina
South Jersey Gas
TECO Peoples Gas, An Emera Company
Mountaineer Gas Company
Citizens Energy Group
Metropolitan Utilities District
SEMCO Energy
National Fuel Gas PA Dist.
MidAmerican Energy Company

- **Very Large**

Dominion Energy Utah
Summit Utilities, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Ohio
Peoples Natural Gas

- **Mega**

Duke Energy Gas Operations
Enbridge Gas Inc.
Consolidated Edison Co. of NY, Inc.
Southwest Gas Corporation
DTE Gas Company
Public Service Electric and Gas
UGI Utilities Inc

Combination Utilities

- **Small**

ATCO Gas & Pipelines LTD.
Northwestern Energy
Unitil

- **Medium**

LG&E – KU Energy
Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Black Hills Corporation
Ameren Illinois Corporation
PECO Energy Company and Subsidiary Companies

- **Large**

We Energies
San Diego Gas & Electric

Transmission

BHE-GT&S Carolina Gas Transmission
Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company
Southern Star Central Gas
ONEOK, Inc.
BHE-GT&S Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage





AWARD OF MERIT

The following individuals have earned AGA Awards of Merit for their active and continuous service to the AGA Operations Section through participation on technical committees, section programs, and leadership in AGA events. The awards are based on a cumulative point system.

GOLD AWARD OF MERIT (75 PTS)

John Bozarth	Ameren Illinois
Daniel A. Ersoy	GTI Energy
Gregory H. Goble	Lyall
Lisa Hamilton	New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Andrew Hammerschmidt	Southern Company Gas
Edward Newton	Southern California Gas Company
John B. Wyckoff	New Jersey Natural Gas

SILVER AWARD OF MERIT (50 PTS)

Stephen Boros	Pipeline Plastics, LLC
Ed Cooper	CenterPoint Energy
Kaaren Daugherty	Puget Sound Energy
Virgil L. Deanes, Jr.	Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division
Michael R. Eutsey	MDU Utilities Group
Kelly L. Guertin	DTE Energy
Amy Kapuga	Consumers Energy Company
Mike Kerans	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Melissa Lawson	Citizens Energy Group
Scott Lundgren	NW Natural
Alfred R. Musgrove	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Sam Patel, P.E.	Consumers Energy Company
Michael Romein	DTE Energy
Mara A. Sikora	Duke Energy Corporation
Carol L. Wallace	Puget Sound Energy
Benjamin S. Warren	Citizens Energy Group
Randy Wilson	Spire Inc.

BRONZE AWARD OF MERIT (25 PTS)

Joe Carlstrom	GTI Energy
Margo Carr	South Jersey Gas Company
Carlos Chapa, P.E.	Enbridge Inc.
Anthony J. Dunkley	Pipeline Equipment Resources Company
Joseph Durante	Philadelphia Gas Works
Stephanie Farley	South Jersey Gas Company
Craig D. Foreman	Duke Energy Corporation
Peter Grandgeorge	Berkshire Hathaway Energy
Brett Gresham	ONE Gas, Inc.
Kevin M. Grooms	Philadelphia Gas Works
Mark Guth	Southern Company Gas
Monica Hull	ONE Gas, Inc.
Mady Killfoil	Atmos Energy Corporation
Randy Knapp	Plastics Pipe Institute
Donovan Krehbiel	ONE Gas, Inc.
Scott Laplante	Pipeline Equipment Resources Company
May Lew	Southern California Gas Company
Jeff Ogborn, P.E.	South Jersey Industries, Inc.
Lucy Redmond	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Laura Ritter	Duke Energy Corporation
Anthony J. Scaraggi	AJS Consulting and Advisement LLC
Daniel W. Shapiro	Southern California Gas Company
Lynn Taft	Puget Sound Energy
Lauren Toczylowski	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
Brian R. Weisker	Duke Energy Corporation

