



SWANA'S LANDFILL GAS AND BIOGAS TECHNICAL DIVISION
NOMINATION FORM
DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The **Annual Landfill Gas and Biogas Distinguished Individual Achievement Award** recognizes one person who has not yet received the award for service to SWANA's Landfill Gas and Biogas Technical Division, service to employers, support of SWANA's mission to advance the practice of MSW management and overall long-term service to the landfill gas and biogas industry. The winner receives a trophy and a full conference registration to the annual Landfill Gas Symposium. The award winner will be recognized at **SOAR**.

Candidates for the Distinguished Individual Achievement Award must be nominated by a SWANA Member. The nominee also must be a SWANA Member.

SUBMISSION FORM

⇒ **Contact Information For Nominee**

Nominee Name & Professional Title: _____

SWANA Member number: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

⇒ **Nomination Submitted By**

SWANA Member Name and ID# _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

⇒ **Entry Requirements** (*Please check that each item is in your nomination packet*)

- Completed nomination form with signed release statement
- A photo of the nominee (1MB or larger)
- Supporting documentation demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria for the award
- Electronic copy of the application sent via email to techdivisions@swana.org by **January 15, 2021**.

Questions? Please contact: **Darryl Walter**, Director of Membership, dwalter@swana.org

⇒ **Release Statement:**

I certify that the information provided in this nomination is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Nominations become the property of SWANA. My signature gives SWANA the right to reprint or make available, with discretion, certain portions of this nomination for publication.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Organization of Nomination

The release statement should be the first document in your submittal. Beyond that, no specific organization of the nomination is required. The Landfill Gas and Biogas Technical Division Awards Committee established categories by which nominees will be evaluated for individual excellence. **Nominations should address each category**; however, this listing serves as a guide for your nomination – information is not required to be presented in the order listed.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Service to SWANA’s Landfill Gas and Biogas Technical Division..... 30%

- *Current SWANA Member and LGB Technical Division Subscriber* - Extended years actively involved in the Division are a factor in evaluating candidates.
- *Committee Service* – Noted, serious, and extended participation in one or more committees of the LGB Technical Division will receive favored scoring consideration. Participation means active and measurable contributions, such as drafting materials for a committee, serving as a faculty member for SWANA LGB training courses, providing comments and reviews of committee materials, etc.
- *SWANA LGB Symposium and WASTECON® Attendance* – Attendance and participation in SWANA-related LGB meetings are considered essential. Documentation of regular attendance at the annual LGB symposium and WASTECON® will receive favorable consideration.
- *Presentations given at SWANA LGB Symposium or WASTECON®* – Preparation and presentation of presentations will be given strong consideration. Documentation by the inclusion of a listing of presentations and other publications specific to these criteria must be included with a candidate’s nomination. Only presentations in the proceedings of the SWANA LGB Symposium and WASTECON® will be given favorable consideration.
- *Division/Committee Leadership* – SWANA and LGB Technical Division members who have served in leadership roles (Chairs/Vice-Chairs, working groups, special assignments, etc.) in committees and the Division structure will be given favorable consideration over candidates who have not provided leadership to the mission of the Division.

2. Service to Employer..... 10%

The Awards Committee favors candidates who have demonstrated, on a long-term basis, significant contributions to the success of their employer(s). Each of the criteria listed that can be demonstrated to that measure will enhance a candidate’s consideration.

- *Work History* – The Awards Committee will look for measurable contributions by candidates with each of their employers. Measurable growth through a progressive increase in either management or technical responsibilities will be given favorable consideration. An unblemished technical and professional career is a necessity for any successful candidate.
- *Other Employer-Related Service* – This criterion would be used to note service to an employer that might not be LGB related, but was important to the economic and business success of an employer.

3. Service to the Landfill Gas and Biogas Industry..... 20%

- *Professional Contributions* (international, national, local) – This criterion is to recognize measurable professional contributions to the field of LGB. Contributions might be participation in international organizations, the development of theories, applications of theories, new equipment or techniques that have been adopted in practice, membership and leadership in other professional organizations which help advance professional and ethical practices in a chosen field of endeavor, etc.
- *Advocacy Work* (legislative, regulatory, other) – This criterion notes valued and measurable contributions by a candidate to the advancement of LGB management at the professional, local, state, provincial, national or international levels. Examples would include serving on advisory committees involved in legislative, regulatory, educational, or professional development, advancement or implementation of:
 - Standards, regulations, and legislation;
 - Codes or guidelines for good practice;
 - Educational curriculum;
 - Public education;
 - Similar efforts.

- *Non-SWANA Publications* – This criterion notes all publications that were not published in a SWANA publication. Only printed and published works will be considered. Papers in related media and fields will be given consideration. A listing of publications must be included with a candidate’s nomination.

4. Support of SWANA Mission..... 15%

Active involvement in the work of SWANA is essential for candidates. The following criteria will be used in evaluating a candidate’s support of the SWANA mission.

- *SWANA Membership* – Extended membership in SWANA will be given favorable consideration. At a minimum, documentation of membership for a continuous five-year period leading up to the date of the nomination will be considered a committed SWANA member.
- *Chapter Support* – Chapters are an essential part of the SWANA mission. A SWANA Member automatically is a member of the local SWANA Chapter. Active participation in Chapter activities is considered a valuable part of the contributions of a SWANA member to the SWANA mission. Documentation of Chapter support must be provided with the candidate’s nomination.
- *SWANA Support* (Board, other SWANA Divisions, Committees) – The success of SWANA depends on a vital and active voluntary membership. Candidate involvement in SWANA activities other than the Chapters and LGB Technical Division will be given favorable consideration. Involvement would include such activities as serving on the SWANA Board, a non-technical committee (intern, certification, etc.), other Technical Divisions, etc.

5. Contributions to the Solid Waste Management Field..... 10%

Since the management of landfill gas is part of the broader practice of integrated solid waste management, this criterion is used to measure a candidate’s involvement in solid waste management beyond landfill gas management.

- *Integrated Solid Waste Management Roles and Responsibilities* – Activities that might be included in this category are participation in public/citizen activities associated with the planning and implementation of solid waste programs, active membership in environmental organizations, corresponding and parallel work in another non-LBG practice, etc.
- *LGB Presentations to Other Organizations* – This criterion recognizes those contributions of candidates that help promote an understanding about landfill gas management with other organizations not closely aligned with the practice of landfill gas management.

6. Other..... 15%

This criterion is provided to recognize the broader character of candidates by considering their participation in activities that are not associated with their livelihood which help protect, improve, or increase the quality of life and the environment. Membership, active participation, and contributions in civic, political, religious, non-profit, educational, environmental, youth, or charitable organizations will be given favorable consideration.