

Memorandum



To: NWA Members
CC: Annual Award Committee
From: Heidi Wahto, Annual Award Committee Chair
Date: 11/04/2011
Re: 2012 Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award

Introduction

In 2010, the Northwest Hydroelectric Association (NWHA) established an annual award to honor the professional contributions of our long-time friend and colleague, Pamela E. Klatt. In its inaugural year, the Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award was given to Jan Lee, Executive Director of the NWHA. Julie Kiel, Director of Hydro Licensing with Portland General Electric, received this prestigious award in its second year. Information about these two worthy recipients can be found on NWHA's website at www.nwhydro.org/nwha_home/award.htm.

Pamela E. Klatt Biography

Pam was a native of the Pacific Northwest. Following her studies at the University of Washington, Pam lived in and explored the far reaches of southeast Alaska for many years before returning to Seattle in the mid-1980s, where she took her first job in the hydroelectric industry with the Hydro West Group. Pam went on to specialize in environmental permitting and the FERC regulatory process in her positions with Hosey and Associates, Harza Engineering, and Meridian Management before founding Meridian Environmental, Inc. in 2001.

For 25 years, Pam managed the licensing of water resource projects. She possessed a thorough understanding of FERC's evolving regulatory processes and a broad knowledge of hydropower issues, from project operations to fish passage to cultural resources to energy markets. With this background – and a great sense of humor – she transformed diverse groups of resource specialists into cohesive project teams, and developed effective working relationships with many of the staff at FERC, other agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Pam assisted her clients with internal strategy, public involvement programs, identification and oversight of technical studies, and preparation of licensing and NEPA documents. As a member of the team contracted to FERC for NEPA consulting services, Pam served as Principal Deputy Project Manager for projects in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

In addition to her long and distinguished career as consultant to the hydroelectric industry, Pam was a strong advocate in promoting hydro as a renewable energy resource. She was a long-standing member of the NWHA and served as a member of the Board of Directors from 1996 to 2005, including one year as Treasurer.

Pam's leadership and professional capabilities were instrumental in the licensing of many small run-of-river projects and the relicensing of several of the largest and most controversial hydropower projects in the Northwest, but Pam would be the first to acknowledge that success in this industry

depends on more than leadership and capability. For this reason, the award in her name is to be given to those who approach each project with a strong commitment to the balance between resource protection and resource development; who demonstrate a true appreciation for the views and responsibilities of everyone involved; and who demand the best work, always, from themselves and others.

This award also honors Pam's remarkable qualities as a mentor. Many of the people who spoke at her memorial and many who later wrote about Pam described the positive impact she had on their careers, because she was not only a friend and colleague, but also a coach and critic. She listened objectively, offered advice and encouragement, and shared her composure, energy, and optimism in meeting even the most daunting challenges. The Pamela E. Klatt Award will honor these lasting contributions to the hydropower industry.

Submission

To nominate an outstanding industry professional for the Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award:

1. Submit, in writing, why your nominee deserves the 2012 Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award. You should discuss how the person exhibits the specified criteria.
2. Email or mail the attached form to the Annual Award Committee by the Monday, January 9, 2012 deadline for entries.

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Announcement of Award Recipient

The Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award Recipient will be announced at the upcoming 2012 NWAHA Annual Conference. The conference will be held February 21-23, 2013 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Please visit www.nwhydro.org for details on the conference.