

Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award



Please return to award@nwhydro.org by **January 10, 2023**

Criteria for Nomination

The Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award is presented to an individual within the regional hydropower industry who:

- Exemplifies the mission of NWAHA:
“NWAHA is dedicated to the promotion of the region’s waterpower as clean, efficient renewable energy while protecting the fisheries and environmental quality which characterize our Northwest region.”
- Approaches each project with a strong commitment to the balance between resource protection and resource development;
- Demonstrates a true appreciation for the views and responsibilities of everyone involved;
- Demands the best work, always, from themselves and others; and
- Encourages others’ professional development as mentor and colleague

For a sample of recommendations from previous awardees, please visit:

<https://www.nwhydro.org/awards.html>. Nominators are invited to provide multiple letters supporting the nomination and help the steering committee fully learn about each nominee.

Nominee’s Information

Nominee Name: Mark Jones; 971.801.9592

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Proposer Information

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Recommendation

Summary of Nominee’s career/actions exemplifying the criteria standards:

Exemplifies the mission of NWA:

Mark is a registered professional engineer with 35 years of experience in the hydropower industry including engineering, program management, asset management, and strategic planning. He has been actively involved in the hydropower industry for his entire career. His contributions at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and now HDR have provided a positive impact on the industry.

While at FERC, Mark led teams in drafting FERC guidelines, participated in major reengineering and reorganization efforts, was involved in new construction, major reconstruction, stabilization projects, and deterministic, probabilistic, and risk-based assessments. At FERC, he was responsible for dam safety, public safety, and compliance related activities in the region. Utilities he worked with included Portland General Electric, Idaho Power, Montana Power Company (now Northwestern), Washington Water Power (now Avista), Grant County Public Utility District, Seattle City Light, and many others. Mark was part of a response team that would travel to other parts of the country in response to incidents.

At BPA, Mark was the Manager of Federal Hydropower & Generation Assets. In this role, he was responsible for planning, directing, and supervising program and asset management related activities in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Energy Northwest. Specific responsibilities included developing a long-term asset management strategy; developing risk-based life cycle asset plans; coordinating with Power Scheduling, Transmission and Finance; managing and authorizing direct-funded operation and management and capital budgets; and supporting the Administration's vision of high reliability, low rates consistent with sound business principles, responsible environmental stewardship, and accountability to the region. Mark led the development of the hydro asset management program and facilitated the expansion of the program to the Administration's other asset categories.

At HDR, Mark acts as a senior advisor focusing on technical solutions, business processes, client support, and asset management. He also worked on the development of and provides ongoing support for the National Hydropower Association's Operational Excellence Program. Mark's senior leadership is valuable to HDR staff, and he serves as a mentor to help develop the next generation of hydropower professionals.

Mark continues to serve as an advocate for the hydropower industry. He was a founder of the Hydropower Operators forum and is serving his second term on the Northwest Hydroelectric Association Board. During his career, Mark has presented and moderated at many hydropower conferences. Mark's work at FERC, BPA and now HDR is directly related to the mission of the Northwest Hydroelectric Association.

Commitment to balance between resource protection and resource development:

Mark understands the importance of protecting our resources while also providing affordable and reliable power. Through his time at the BPA, he worked with many stakeholders including

resource agencies, tribes, other stakeholders, NGOs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, public and private utilities. As one example of his experience with balancing resources and power development, he was involved for years in the investments, negotiations and solutions to balance fish passage, water quality, and generation on the Columbia River.

The BPA states the following: “As stewards of the Federal Columbia River Power System, we are entrusted with the responsibility to manage resources of great value for the benefit of others. We are trusted when others believe in and are willing to rely upon our integrity and ability.” This trustworthy stewardship approach grows out of collaborative relationships developed through dedicated individuals like Mark. Mark listens and learns to develop solutions that meet the needs of multiple stakeholders. Managing the balance between resources and generation on the Columbia River system is challenging and requires leaders like Mark to navigate. Many of us have heard Mark talk about his dedication to and passion for the hydropower industry.

Demonstrates a true appreciation for the view and responsibilities of everyone involved:

Mark listens to everyone in the room. He knows that quietest person in the room may have the next big idea. Mark has practiced DEI principles throughout his career by his actions. He has extensive experience working with stakeholders as noted above. However, he also exemplifies his appreciation for the views of everyone in his daily actions. Many in the industry have been positively impacted by Mark’s integrity and approach to working with others. Whether Mark is talking with an office administrative assistant, janitor, or executive vice president, he will show the same respect.

Demands the best work, always, from themselves and others:

Throughout his career, Mark has developed a reputation for high standards. In his current role, he provides QA/QC guidance to teams and suggests improvements. He serves as a reviewer on major projects and provides thoughtful comments and solutions. He provides input while mentoring and valuing each member of a project team. Quality is very important to Mark, and he builds a culture of quality by his interactions and leadership.

Encourages professional development of others as a mentor and colleague:

Mark has played a significant role in mentoring staff at the BPA and HDR. At HDR, he has mentored many staff in the Power Sector including hydropower and power delivery as well as project support staff. He always makes an extra effort to provide opportunities for everyone by observing, listening, and supporting. His mentoring extends beyond project related support and guidance. Mark assists staff with career development and work life balance. For those who have been fortunate to work with him, he demonstrates the importance of integrity and humility.

Quotes from Proposer or from Other Supporters to be used at presentation

Please provide a quote(s) that can be used during the presentation to recognize the nominee.

Mike Haynes, Assistant General Manager, Seattle City Light

“I would like to offer my endorsement of Mark Jones for the Northwest Hydropower Association Pamela E Klatt award. I have known and worked with Mark for more than 10-years and he has always shown a great aptitude for collaboration and professionalism. Mark and I have worked closely on several industry-wide consortiums and his contributions have helped ensure success and sustainability of the efforts. Mark is kind and caring and regularly demonstrates a calm and mindful attitude in all that he does. In this sense, he exemplifies the career of Pam Klatt and the work she did and the values that she stood for.”

Wayne Todd, Generating Assets Manager, Bonneville Power Administration

“Mark’s dedication to hydropower is only eclipsed by his dedication to the people behind hydropower. Throughout his career in hydropower, Mark has been passionate about mentoring, building relationships, and growing that passion in the people that are the core of our hydropower industry. These people are the foundation of our clean renewable energy source that provides such a benefit to the Pacific Northwest.”

Rick Miller, Senior Vice President, HDR

“I first began working closely with Mark in 2009 when he became our client and he was in charge of the Power Generation team within BPA. I soon learned that Mark was respected throughout the BPA organization, and more critically within the three agencies that own, operate and fund the FCRPS. Mark was a critical member of the Joint Committee for leading the FCRPS and demonstrated a listening perspective, sought understanding and always tried to find a common ground amongst the many missions of BPA, the USACE, Reclamation, and the NWPCC.”

Leanne Greisen, Asset Management Consultant, HDR

“Mark is a trusted friend and mentor to many of us within the hydropower industry. We use him as a trusted advisor on many of our projects as he understands our industry as a whole, both the technical changes and the personal considerations. He is never too busy for a phone call, a coaching session or a thoughtful email. We are lucky to have him as a leader.”

If your nominee is selected, you are requested to introduce them at the award ceremony.

Please check the appropriate box:

X ___ I would

___ Other. Please specify: _____

___ Not Sure