

GIMMICKS AND GADGETS CONTEST DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Pacific Northwest Section's (PNWS) Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest is to give PNWS members a forum to share with their fellow members any work saving, or cost reducing device or ideas that have been developed within their organization. The result is improved efficiency and service to the public. Entries must be either a physical device or new idea designed to provide a simplified or more efficient means of performing routine tasks or functions in the maintenance, operation, or construction of a water system. Subsections are encouraged to submit multiple Gimmicks and Gadgets. Each entry has an equal opportunity to be selected as the contest winner. Entries may also be submitted to AWWA's OPFLOW to be considered for publication

ENTRY AND WINNER SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will submit their entry to the Subsection in which the utility is located. Each Subsection will then select entries to be submitted for display and presentation at the PNWS-AWWA Annual Spring Conference. Each Subsection will be responsible for insuring the eligibility of their entry. All entrants must be members of the AWWA in some capacity. The Subsection President or Secretary will be required to attest that the entrant is a member of AWWA (regular member, affiliate member, or is from a utility that is a utility member).

Each entrant or their representative will be allowed to present their gimmick or gadget at the Annual PNWS-AWWA Spring Conference. Questions from the audience regarding the gimmick or gadget will be allowed after all entrants have presented their entries. The winner, and subsequent place finishers, will be decided by vote (secret ballot) of the conferees attending the entire Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest session.

CONTEST RULES FOR ENTRY

The Subsections shall be responsible for submitting entries for presentation at the Annual Section Spring Conference. Entries presented at the Conference may not be resubmitted at future Annual Section Spring Conferences.

The defining terms describing Gimmicks are "an entirely new method or technique, or a substantial change of a previous method or technique". The defining terms for a Gadget is "a new physical device or substantial modification or revision of a previously developed device".

To receive an award, entrants must complete an official entry form. The Subsection will be required to insure that their entrants are members of AWWA in some capacity.

NOVELTY GIMMICKS AND GADGETS SPECIAL DISPLAY

Members will be allowed to display novelty items. Novelty items will not be included in the Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest and will not be eligible for prizes. Novelty items will be presented on a time permitting basis.