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### North American Lake Management Society Honors Members & Supporters with 2025 Achievement Awards

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Caledonia, MN (November 20, 2025) – Shining a spotlight on deserving individuals and organizations who have made valuable contributions to the goals of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS), or have made significant strides in lake management, NALMS Annual Achievement Award winners represent the very best amongst its members and partners.

NALMS Achievement Awards are presented annually at the Society's International Symposium, which was recently held November 4-7, 2025 in iconic Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year, NALMS was pleased to honor and recognize a variety of individuals and groups, who were nominated by their peers.

NALMS Leadership & Service Awards, formerly known as the Technical Merit Awards, are given annually to recognize and honor individuals or groups for **Successful Projects, Volunteer Actions, Research Efforts, and Public Education/Outreach**. The 2025 Leadership and Service Award recipients are as follows:

- ◆ [Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties \(WAMSCO\)](#)  
Community Education & Outreach
- ◆ Alan Fedeli  
Volunteer

The **Lake Management Success Stories Award** is awarded to an individual or team who has demonstrated improvement in lake/reservoir condition or watershed management in a cost-effective manner. The 2025 Appreciation Award winner is as follows:

- ◆ Christine Neff, [Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area](#)  
Lake Management Success Stories Award

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The Jim LaBounty Best Paper Award, established in 2003, is given annually to recognize and honor the best paper published in the *Lake and Reservoir Management* journal. This year's honor went to:

- ◆ R. Gorney, E. Nystrom, M. Stouder, A. St. Amand, C. Sauve, D. Clark, E. Stelzer, C. Givens & J. Graham. An evaluation of cyanobacterial occurrence and bloom development in Adirondack lakes.

Special awards also included the **Secchi Disk Award**, the **Jim Flynn Outstanding Corporation Award**, and the **Friends of NALMS Award**, given annually, respectively, to the individual and the corporation who has made the most significant contributions to the goals and objectives or the Society. The 2025 special award winners are as follows:

- ◆ Amy Smagula, Secchi Disk Award
- ◆ Mobley Engineering, Jim Flynn Outstanding Corporation Award

More information on the 2025 NALMS Achievement Awards, including the full nomination letter for each award winner, can be found at <https://www.nalms.org/2025-achievement-award-recipients/>.

Founded in 1980, the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) is a member-driven nonprofit organization focused on the management and protection of lakes and reservoirs. Welcoming anyone with an interest in lakes, NALMS strives to forge partnerships among citizens, scientists, and professionals to achieve this mission.

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