

## 2023 TPPA Award Nominations Request

The TPPA Awards Program recognizes organizations and individuals for contribution to their communities, public power and TPPA. One or more representatives of any TPPA member system may make nominations. The awards will be presented at the TPPA Annual Meeting during the Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. The TPPA Annual Meeting will be held on July 24-26, 2023, at the Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, June 2, 2023.** TPPA will give awards in the following categories:

**Distinguished Service Award** - This award recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication to public power by an official of a TPPA member system. **Eligibility:** Any official of a TPPA member system who has been active in the Association for at least two years. **Criteria:** Official must 1) display exceptional leadership; 2) provide significant contributions to public power locally and in Texas.

**Past Award Winners Include:**

2022	Paul Barham, CPS Energy
2021	Jeff Janke, Garland Power & Light
2020	Ron Bowman, Boerne
2019	Doug Faseler, Seguin
2018	Phil Wilson, LCRA
2017	Mark Dreyfus, Austin Energy
2016	Phil Williams, Denton Municipal Electric

**System Achievement Award** - This award recognizes outstanding system achievement by TPPA member organizations. **Eligibility:** Any TPPA member system. **Criteria:** Member system 1) is widely recognized in the public power field; 2) have enhanced the prestige of public power; 3) have improved service to customers.

**Past Award Winners Include:**

2022	Denton Municipal Electric and City of Boerne
2021	Austin Energy
2020	CPS Energy
2019	Pedernales Electric Cooperative
2018	Kerrville PUB
2017	CPS Energy and New Braunfels Utilities
2016	City of Seguin

**Paula J. DiFonzo Industry Achievement Award** –This award recognizes women in public power who have made outstanding leadership and individual contributions to their public power system in Texas. **Eligibility:** Any female employee of a Texas public power system who has been active in the association for at least two years. **Criteria:** Nominees must 1) display outstanding leadership; 2) provide individual contributions to their public power system. This award was originally named the Industry Achievement Award.

**Past Award Winners Include:**

2022	Leticia Zavala-Jones, City of Georgetown
2021	Alicia Loving, Austin Energy
2020	Renee Shelton, GEUS
2019	Vicki Reim, BTU
2018	Sue Ann Harting, TMPA and GEUS
2017	Dr. Judith Dykes Hoffmann, New Braunfels Utilities

**Gary Brown Service Award-** This award recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication by a municipal official in a city served by a TPPA member utility. **Eligibility:** Any official of a city served by a TPPA member utility who has been active in the association for at least two years. **Criteria:** Nominees must 1) display exceptional leadership; 2) provide significant contributions to public power locally and in Texas.

**Past Award Winners Include:**

2022	Shawn Raborn, City of La Grange
2021	Dr. Kent Myers, Fredericksburg
2020	Jeff Thompson, Boerne
2019	John E. Sample, KPUB
2018	Tony Michalsky, College Station Utilities
2017	Lowell Ogle, Brenham
2016	Ron Bowman, Boerne

**TPPA Honor Roll -** This award recognizes service to TPPA by an elected or appointed official of a TPPA member system. **Eligibility:** Any elected or appointed official of a TPPA member system or a corporate member. **Criteria:** Nominees' personal service to TPPA must have 1) made a substantial contribution toward the attainment of the goals of TPPA; 2) made a substantial contribution toward enhancing the prestige of the Association.

**Past Award Winners Include:**

2022	Jan Horbaczewski, TMPA
2021	Did not award
2020	Lance Pettigrew, Schneider Engineering
2019	John Davidson, Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza
2018	Bill Smart, Hometown Connections and Wendell Bell, TPPA
2017	Did not award
2016	Patty Cruz, Leidos Engineering

**Public Service Award -** This award recognizes exceptional leadership and public service by officials in the public power field. **Eligibility:** Any publicly elected or appointed official in the public power field whose actions have furthered the objectives of public power. **Criteria:** Nominees 1) must have made a substantial contribution to public power; 2) must have made a substantial contribution to their community.

**Past Award Winners Include:**

2022	Leslie Pool, Austin City Council Member, District 7
2021	Mayor Andrew Nelson, Bryan
2020	Mayor Gaylynn Burris, Bowie
2019	Michael Schultz, Boerne
2018	Al Kaufmann, New Braunfels Utilities
2017	Jason Bienski, former Mayor of Bryan
2016	Did not award

**To submit nominations:**

Email nominee's name, title, organization, address, or system name and a brief explanation why this person or system is being recommended for the award to [kcolon@tpa.com](mailto:kcolon@tpa.com) :

Also include the name, title, and organization of the person submitting nomination. The form due date is by **June 2, 2023**.

**Texas Public Power Association  
2023 Award Nominations Form**

I would like to nominate the following awards nominations (fill in name of person or system in blank provided):

**Distinguished Service Award:**

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**System Achievement Award:**

Name of system \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**Paula J. DiFonzo Industry Achievement Award:**

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**Gary Brown Service Award:**

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**TPPA Honor Roll:**

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**Jack Miller Public Service Award:**

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **System:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return by email to Kaylee Colon at [kcolon@tpa.com](mailto:kcolon@tpa.com) by Friday, June 2, 2023.