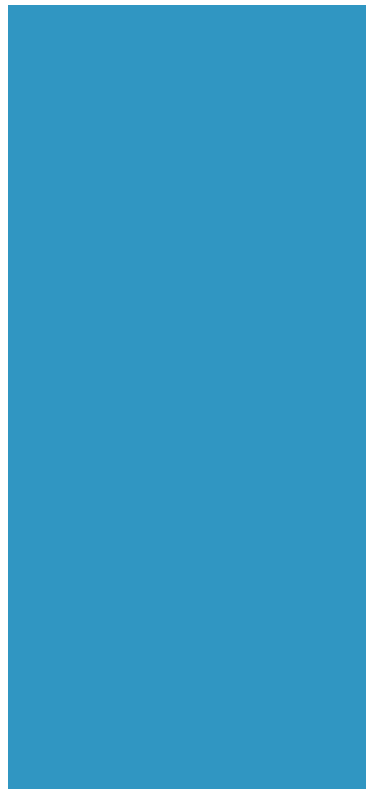
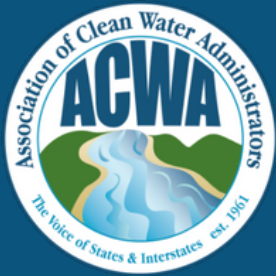




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# AWARDS CEREMONY

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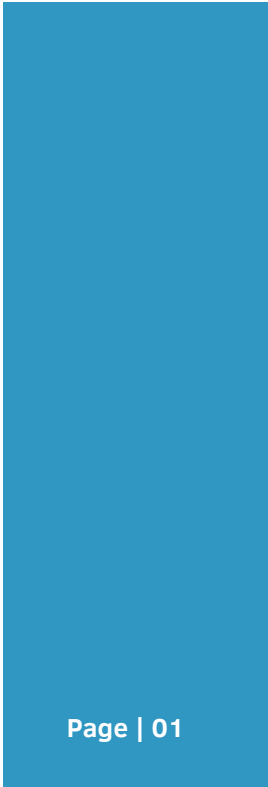
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1962 Chicago, IL  
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1965 Dayton, OH  
1966 Scottsdale, AZ  
1967 Hartford, CT  
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1978 Charleston, SC  
1979 Coeur D'Alene, ID  
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MEETING

Boise, Idaho  
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# AWARDS CEREMONY & RECEPTION

**Master of Ceremony**

Mary Anne Nelson

ACWA President,  
Administrator

Surface and Wastewater Division  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Welcoming Remarks

Introductory Remarks

Outgoing Board Members Recognition

Awards

Closing Remarks



# AWARDS

## EMERGING LEADER AWARD

This award is given to full-time employees of states/interstates/affiliate who have demonstrated notable leadership on or contributions to the work of an ACWA committee, task force, and/or workgroup, and show demonstrated potential for future leadership in the Association.

Rebecca Diehl (DDOEE)

## PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD

This award is given annually to a member selected for his/her exceptional service to the Association over the last fiscal year.

Karen Mogus (CA)

Lindsay Patterson (WY)

## EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to members of the Association where exceptional service to the Association has been exhibited and they retire from state/interstate government.

Marcia Willhite (WI)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to those persons who have, throughout their careers, demonstrated a true and consistent willingness to work cooperatively with the States and with the various interested organizations to effect environmental improvement.

Tom Wall (EPA OWOW)

## ENVIRONMENTAL STATESMAN AWARD

This is ACWA's highest award and is presented to those ACWA members who have demonstrated outstanding service to the organization over a multi-year period.

Andy Gavin (SRBC)

Carin Spreitzer (NYDEC)



# EMERGING LEADER AWARD



## Rebecca Diehl

District Department of Energy and  
Environment

Becky Diehl is the co-chair of the Monitoring, Standards and Assessment Committee, starting earlier this year. She has been with the Department of Energy and Environment since 2008 and is and is currently the Water Quality Standards program lead. She earned her BS in Environmental Science from Marietta College and her Master's in Environmental Science from Miami University (no, not that one, the one in Ohio).

# PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD



## Lindsay Patterson

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Lindsay has been working in water quality for over 20 years. She currently oversees the Surface Water Quality Standards Program with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ). This includes overseeing Wyoming's efforts to address nutrient pollution, including the harmful cyanobacterial bloom program, and helping to ensure that federal and state projects are consistent with Wyoming's water quality rules. Lindsay participates in many of the Association of Clean Water Administrators' committees and has served as the Monitoring, Standards, and Assessment committee co-chair since August 2021. Prior to her current position, Lindsay worked with DEQ's surface water monitoring program and as a Watershed Specialist for Teton Science Schools in Jackson, Wyoming. Lindsay has a Master's degree in Ecology from Colorado State University, a certificate of environmental education from Teton Science Schools, and a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Biology from Colgate University. Outside work, Lindsay enjoys spending time with her husband, seven-year-old twin boys, and eleven-year-old daughter.

# PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD



## Karen Mogus

Deputy Director  
California State Water Board

Karen Mogus is the Deputy Director for the California State Water Board's Division of Water Quality and is responsible for statewide water quality planning, policy development and implementation, statewide permitting, and establishing consistency among the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Prior to joining the Division of Water Quality, Ms. Mogus served as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Drinking Water where she directed the development of a regulatory framework for potable reuse of recycled water, worked to address drinking water quality issues in disadvantaged communities, and led the review of the state's environmental laboratory accreditation program. She also has served as Director of the State Water Board's Office of Information Management and Analysis and spent 10 years at the Central Valley Regional Water Board working on a variety of water quality control and assessment programs.

Marcia has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Eastern Kentucky University and a M.S. in Toxicology from the University of Kentucky. Marcia spent the first 13.5 years of her environmental protection career working on air pollution control at the state government level in Texas and the local government level in Lincoln, NE. She was in leadership of the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials (a predecessor organization of National Association of Clean Air Administrators), serving as its first female national president in 2000-2001. In 2001, Marcia took her first job in water pollution when she became Chief of the Bureau of Water at Illinois EPA—the first woman to hold a Bureau Chief position. In that capacity, she oversaw all Clean Water Act programs, all Safe Drinking Water Act programs, the state groundwater protection program, the nonpoint source program and the low-interest loan program for the state of Illinois. Marcia immediately became active in the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ACWA's old name). She was active on several committees, but focused particularly on nutrient pollution policy issues. She was a founding member of the Nutrients Policy Committee, working with other administrators and EPA to get strategic action on this pervasive water pollution issue. She helped bring wastewater agencies and the agricultural community into the nutrient management policy discussion with government. Marcia was part of ASIWPCA's leadership for several years, serving as national president in 2006-2007. In this capacity, she helped steer the Association through some troubled financial and personnel issues.

## EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD



### Marcia Willhite

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

In 2016, Marcia left Illinois EPA and moved to Wisconsin with her retired husband where she began working at Wisconsin DNR, focusing on implementation of Wisconsin's nutrient reduction strategy. In 2018, Marcia took a manager position in the Water Quality Bureau. She supervised the water quality standards program, the assessment/impaired waters program and the TMDL program. She remained active on nutrient issues with ACWA, as well as with the Hypoxia Task Force and Upper Mississippi River Basin Association. Marcia retired from Wisconsin DNR in October 2022 and lives in Door County, Wisconsin where she is caregiver for her husband, exercises at the Y, keeps the garden in shape and gets the Sudoku puzzle done every day.

# ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD



## Tom Wall

EPA OWOW

Tom Wall has worked for many years with U.S. EPA, mostly in the Office of Water, but also in EPA's American Indian Environmental Office. He currently is Director of the Watershed Restoration, Assessment, and Protection Division in EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds where he oversees work with states and tribes on monitoring surface water quality, including national surveys. His Division also works with states as they decide which waters don't meet their water quality standards and develop Total Maximum Daily Loads and other restoration and protection plans; oversees the Clean Water Act section 319 grant program for nonpoint sources of pollution; and manages efforts to make water quality information available to the public, including an app, "How's My Waterway," that is one of EPA's most visited web sites. His Division also supports EPA's role as co-chair of the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force and manages a new Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia grant program.



# Environmental Statesman Award



## Andy Gavin

Deputy Executive Director  
Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Andrew Gavin is the Deputy Executive Director at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. His primary responsibilities include oversight for the Commission's technical programs. Additionally, Mr. Gavin is involved with the development and implementation of regulations, policies, plans and projects relating to the management and conservation of the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. Prior to working for the Commission, Mr. Gavin held positions with a U.S. Department of Energy research consortium and the U.S. Geological Survey. He holds a Master of Science degree from Northern Arizona University in geology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of Wooster in geology.

# Environmental Statesman Award

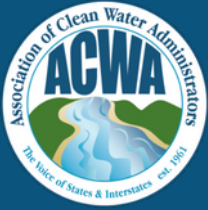


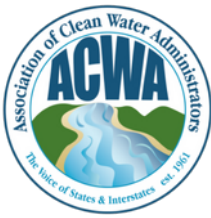
## Carin Spreitzer

Chief, Water & Natural Resources Bureau  
Associate Counsel, Office of General Counsel  
New York State Department of Environmental  
Conservation

Carin Spreitzer is an attorney in the Office of General Counsel (OGC) at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). She has had the pleasure of serving as the co-chair of the ACWA Legal Affairs Committee since 2007. At NYSDEC, she is the Chief of the Bureau of Water and Natural Resources, which provides legal services to various program areas (water, wetlands, fish and wildlife, marine resources, real property, state lands/forests, and invasive species). From December 2014 to March 2020, she was the Chief of the Water Section in that bureau. She began her career with OGC in March 2006. Before that, she worked briefly in the private sector. She provides legal advice on a variety of matters to support the Division of Water programs, such as discharge permits (stormwater and wastewater), water assessment management, and water resource management. She works closely with the New York State Attorney General's Office on litigation, and assists staff with legislative initiatives, regulations, policies, comment letters, and freedom of information law requests.

Since 2019, she has participated in the NYSDEC Mentoring Program, both as a mentee and mentor. She served on the Steering Committee for the NYSDEC Women's Mentoring and Professional Development Initiative, as the chair of the Initiative's Survey Subcommittee, and as the co-chair of the Initiative's Communication/Training/Outreach Subcommittee. For over a decade, she was the co-coordinator of OGC's internship program. She presented at the ACWA Annual Meeting in 2019 on direct hydrologic connections and was a moderator at the March 2016 Mid-Year ACWA Meeting on the same topic. In November 2018, she presented on current priorities of federal and state clean water regulators at the National Water Enforcement Workshop for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. She is a 2004 graduate of Albany Law School and a 2001 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.





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