

Now, it gives me great pleasure to announce the winner of the GMWEA President's Award. It goes to a man who has worked in the water quality field for 19 years, and who has devoted a great deal of time in the last 14 years to volunteer service to GMWEA -- Tom Dipietro.

This was Tom's last day as Past President of GMWEA. We know that that means that Tom has previously served as President, Vice-President and as a Director of GMWEA. Tom's recent appointment as Public Works Director for the City of South Burlington will take some of his passion and energy used at GMWEA and use it for accomplishing the goals in this position. Tom has assured us that he will continue to pitch in on the GAC committee, a committee that he inherited as chair from Bob Fischer. Bob filled the committee and Tom streamlined many functions of the GAC committee, particularly the adoption of the sub-committee structure, each committee focusing on a topic of potential interest to the legislature. Of course, Tom developed this structure by soliciting input and taking many of the practical suggestions received. This is a hallmark of Tom's impact on GMWEA - over the past two years Tom would become involved with a committee to help guide that committee to a situation where it was staffed with volunteers and streamlined, all the while bringing as people many as possible into the process. The GMWEA organization is the better for it.

There are many examples of Tom's service to GMWEA and the larger water quality Community. His impact upon committee structure being one example. Thank you, Tom. You've pitched in immeasurably over the past 2 years of my presidency. I'm proud to present you with the 2022 GMWEA President's Award.