



***NEW YORK WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
SELECT SOCIETY OF SANITARY SLUDGE SHOVELERS
(SS SOCIETY)***

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The original chapter of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers was founded in Arizona in October 1940. The Idea was conceived by A.W. Miller and F. Carlyle Roberts Jr. to recognize wastewater treatment and collection system personnel who contribute in the outstanding measure to control water resource recovery. These people, who provide valuable service to the field, cannot all be nominated for Association awards, yet they deserve our collective recognition.

The Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers was originated to encourage what is now known as "GETTING INVOLVED". There are members all over the United States and Canada all of whom are recognized as "SELECT" and "SPECIAL" in our collective efforts to preserve quality water. Members are selected based on merit. This is a society for those who contribute their efforts, their time, and their energies. They are always ready to "DIG IN "hence the symbol the badge of membership the "SHOVEL".

The "SELECT SOCIETY" while independent of NYWEA, is sanctioned by the association. Considering the service of its members, there are no dues or regular officers.

The New York Chapter was chartered in June 1984 with the installation of Officers and Board of Directors by the New England Water Pollution Control Association at the Joint Spring Meeting in Hyannis Cape Cod.

There is an honorary badge, in the form of a shovel, which should always be worn or displayed at NYWEA, Other MA and WEF functions to indicate Society Membership.

Regular Members – (Must be Operators) are awarded GOLD SHOVELS

Honorary Members – (Non-Operators) are awarded SILVER SHOVELS

****Young Professional Members- (>35yrs old) are awarded BRONZE SHOVELS***

****In 2011 NYWEA developed an additional level of membership to recognize the work and the dedication of our Young Professionals they are awarded the Bronze Shovel.***

GUIDELINES FOR THE 5S SOCIETY

The following guidelines are suggested for the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers:

- 1. There are NO DUES (it has been suggested Members have already paid their dues).***
- 2. There are no officers except the “OPERATOR-IN-CHIEF”. The “OPERATOR-IN-CHIEF will be elected by a majority of votes of all the SELECT SOCIETY OF SANITARY SLUDGE SHOVELERS present at the annual meeting of the association and shall serve until a successor is elected. At which time that successor will be elected, nominations for a successor will be accepted by the NYWEA President, until January 1st, who then, will present the same to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting of the association. The Operator-In-Chief must be a current member of the NY 5s and of the association.***
- 3. The Operator- in- Chief shall administer the Elevation Ceremony for new members of the Select Society, record and report selections, present official certificates of Elevation, bestow the Shovels, and inform members concerning the Society activities.***
- 4. New members of the Select Society cannot enroll. They must be nominated for Elevation based on their history of willingness to get***

involved and their unselfish contributions of time and talent to the Association and the field.

- 5. The Selection of new members for Elevation shall normally be made by the members of the Select Society. (The initial Chapter Members were selected by the NYWEA Executive committee in 1984).*
- 6. REGULAR MEMBERS (GOLD SHOVEL) shall be individuals who are or have worked on-site in the operations, maintenance, laboratory or process control of a Wastewater Treatment Plant or a Collections system or have a NYS Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators certification. Membership in NYWEA is required at the time of election into the Society*
- 7. HONORARY MEMBERS (SILVER SHOVEL) shall be individuals dedicated to the advancement of wastewater treatment, other than as an on-site operator, such as a researcher, educator, designer, construction manager, contractor, manufacturer's representative, vendor, public official or administrator. Membership in NYWEA is required at the time of election into the society.*
- 8. YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS (BRONZE SHOVEL) shall be individuals under the age of 35 involved in one or more the various NYWEA (YP) committees, and follow the same criteria as the honorary members. Membership in NYWEA is required at the time election into the society. YP Members that have matured passed the age of 35 can be selected for elevation to the Honorary member's level. Upon Elevation, YP members will retain both the Bronze and Silver Shovel.*
- 9. The Elevation of new members into the Select Society shall be conducted once a year during the NYWEA Spring conference. The Elevation ceremony shall be conducted by the Operator-in-Chief. The NYWEA President can preside in the absence of the Operator-in-Chief. Once elected New Members can be installed by the presiding officer at the Chapter level.*

10. Each Chapter of the Association can annually nominate Four Individuals to be elevated to the "SELECT SOCIETY"

2*- REGULAR, (GOLD) 1*- HONORARY (SILVER) 1- YP (BRONZE)

*** The Society's preference is to award two gold and one silver annually. In some cases, Chapters may find they have deserving individuals that don't meet this criterion. We will accept any combination of (3) 2- silver (1) gold (3) gold (3) silver. But three is the maximum annually.**

11. The NYWEA Board of Directors can annually nominate Three Individuals to be elevated to the "SELECT SOCIETY"

1- REGULAR (GOLD) 1- HONORARY (SILVER) 1- YP (BRONZE)

12. THE OPERATOR-IN-CHIEF Will annually nominate for elevation to the "SELECT SOCIETY" any NYWEA operations Challenge Team member who represents NYWEA at a WEF operations challenge event.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

A. INITIATION

- 1. Chapters & NYWEA Board of Directors Nominate Regular, Honorary & YP members utilizing the nomination forms by the date set in early January by the NYWEA office. Forms must be forwarded to the NYWEA administrative office.***

B. ELEVATION

1. Annual (Winter) Meeting

At the Annual (Winter) meeting, the NYWEA President will provide a proper forum for the Operator-In-Chief and 5s members to affirm nominees for Elevation. Nominees should normally be accepted by the 5s members in attendance, but can be rejected with cause. If less than ten 5s members attend the forum, the Operator-in-Chief can elect the nominees with advice and counsel of the 5s members in attendance, the President of the Association may act in his/her place.

2. Notification

After the forum has elected nominees, the Operator-in-Chief will inform the NYWEA President and the Presiding Officers of the Nominees and the type of membership for each. The presiding officers will inform local nominees of the election and inform the nominee that the award will be made at the NYWEA Spring Meeting (or at a regular Chapter meeting if the nominee is not in attendance). The President will assure that the Operator-in Chief has sufficient quantity and type of Shovels and award certificates available at the NYWEA Spring meeting for the awards ceremony.

ELEVATION PROCEDURE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Operator -in-Chief welcomes all in attendance and welcomes the nominees.

2. HISTORY

The Operator- in-Chief reads the history of the Select Society.

3. RECOGNITION

The nominees are called to the chair by Name, Chapter affiliation and type of Shovel. All nominees are asked to remain at the Chair.

4. CITATION

The Operator -in-Chief reads the Citation.

5. RECOGNITION

The Operator-in-Chief asks for appreciation by applause for the Elevation of the nominees.