3-A SSI Opens Nominations for 2020 Volunteer Service Awards

McLEAN, Virginia – 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. (3-A SSI) announces the opening of nominations for its 2020 Volunteer Service Awards program to recognize the extraordinary dedication and commitment of individuals who contribute to the development of voluntary standards and the mission of 3-A SSI. The three annual awards constitute a highly visible and significant form of recognition for the outstanding service of individuals to the advancement of 3-A SSI.

The 3-A SSI awards include the following:

- The **Leadership Service Award** is presented to an individual or group who demonstrates a record of significant contribution to 3-A SSI voluntary standards development and who has demonstrated outstanding service in enabling 3-A SSI to attain its objectives. Accomplishments may include leading a major new activity, reducing the cycle time of development, revitalizing a ‘dormant’ activity or other outstanding service.

- The **3-A SSI Advancement Award** honors outstanding accomplishments performed by any individual or group on behalf of 3-A SSI, such as advancing the use or industry recognition of 3-A Sanitary Standards or 3-A Accepted Practices.

- The **Next Generation Award** honors an individual who has been engaged in 3-A SSI standards development activities for fewer than five years and has demonstrated leadership, dedication and significant contributions to the development of 3-A Sanitary Standards or 3-A Accepted Practices.

According to 3-A SSI Executive Director Tim Rugh, “3-A SSI relies on a network of engaged and committed volunteers to forge consensus on the voluntary standards and practices. We should all recognize the immense contribution they make to this organization and to the goal of advancing public health.”
Nomination Form is available below. The close date for 2020 nominations is **April 3, 2020**. Awards will be presented at the 3-A SSI Annual Meeting on May 13, 2020 in Bloomington, MN. Names of previous award winners are maintained on the 3-A SSI web site at: [http://www.3-a.org/About-Us/Honors-and-Awards](http://www.3-a.org/About-Us/Honors-and-Awards).

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3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to enhance product safety for consumers of food, beverages, and pharmaceutical products through the development and use of 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices. Visit the 3-A SSI web site at [www.3-a.org](http://www.3-a.org).
The annual Volunteer Service Awards program of 3-A SSI is proposed to recognize and honor the creativity, dedication and commitment of individuals who contribute to and participate in the 3-A SSI voluntary standards development and promotion activities. These awards constitute a highly visible and significant form of recognition for the outstanding service of individuals to the mission of 3-A SSI.

Eligibility of Candidates and Sponsors
Representatives of industry, government, academia, consumer organizations and others in the 3-A SSI voluntary consensus community may be nominated for an award. While in office, 3-A SSI officers and directors, and 3-A SSI employees, are not eligible for any award.

Nominations may be submitted by any individual associated with the work of 3-A SSI and familiar with the outstanding service of volunteers. Nominations submitted with the endorsement of an entire group will be considered accordingly. Nominations submitted directly by 3-A SSI staff will be considered at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Administration
The awards are administered as follows:

1. The 3-A SSI Awards Committee, consisting of the chair, vice chair, and the immediate past-chair of the Board of Directors, will consider the nominations received for each award.
2. Only one recipient per year will be awarded in each classification. If, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, no candidates meet the eligibility requirements, an award may not be given.
3. Nominations must be submitted on the attached Nomination Form. Only one award nomination may be made on this form. The submission must include a detailed description of the nominee’s accomplishments, vision, leadership, and commitment, as well as relevant examples of achievements that fulfill the award’s criteria. Nominations must be submitted to 3-A SSI Headquarters by April 3, 2020 via email to trugh@3-a.org or mail to 3-A SSI, 6888 Elm Street, Suite 2D, McLean, VA 22101.
4. Award winners will be announced at the 3-A SSI Annual Meeting and on the 3-A SSI website. A news release will be issued.
5. Nominations are valid for only one year, but may be re-submitted each year up to a maximum of three consecutive years, however, nominations must be submitted within seven years of the nominee’s initial service to 3-A SSI.

Presentation of Awards
Successful nominees are notified of their election by 3-A SSI. The Award shall consist of an etched crystal tower, or similar item, and a certificate frame plaque containing a personal letter from 3-A SSI.

2020 Awards Committee
The awards committee is comprised of the following officers of the 3-A SSI Board of Directors:

- Mr. Lyle Clem, Chair, 3-A SSI Board of Directors
- Mr. Dan Meyer, Vice-chair
- Mr. David Kedzierski, Immediate Past Chair
Date: ____________________________

Please provide the following candidate information:

Name: ____________________________________________

Address:

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Phone: ___________________________ Fax: ____________________________

E-mail: ____________________________

This candidate named above is hereby nominated for (check one):

☐ Leadership Service Award
☐ 3-A SSI ‘Richard K. Smith’ Advancement Award
☐ Next Generation Award

*** IMPORTANT ***
This form must include a detailed description of the specific award criteria this candidate has
attained to merit consideration for this award. Nominations submitted without a description
cannot be considered.

Refer to the criteria shown in the Volunteer Service Awards description. Attach extra
page(s) if needed.

Name of Submitter (optional): ____________________________________________

Please send completed Nomination Form no later than April 3, 2020 to trugh@3-a.org or
mail to:

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