

## New honored at Irrigation Expo '92

Leon New, an agricultural engineer with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was named the Irrigation Association's 1992 Person of the Year during the IA's 1992 International Exposition and Conference, held last November in New Orleans.

This award is given annually to someone outside the irrigation industry, from government or a university, who has made outstanding contributions to further the acceptance of good irrigation practices and procedures.

Other IA honorees included **Roy Rogers**, senior vice president of planning and government relations for Arvida/JMB Partners of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Rogers was presented the Water and Energy Conservation Award for his work in planning, design and implementation of the irrigation system of the Weston Community in Fort Lauderdale.

**Melvyn George Kay** — A chartered civil engineer and a senior lecturer in irrigation engineering at Silsoe College, Cranfield Institute of Technology, United Kingdom — was the IA's Crawford Reid Memorial Award winner. Kay was honored for his promotion of sound irrigation procedures outside the U.S.

LeoRoy Thom, CEO of T-L Irrigation Company and Richard Reinke, founder of Reinke Manufacturing Company, both received the Industry Achievement Award, presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the irrigation industry.

The IA acknowledged nearly 50 years of dedicated service when it awarded **Marion Miller** a special Association Achievement Award. Miller, a founding member of the IA in 1949, is founder and president of Anderson-Miller Manufacturing Company.

The Manufacturers Representative Division of the IA named **Lon Schultz** as the first recipient of the Principal of the Year Award. Schultz is president and owner of Agricultural Products, Inc.

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Three members of the new IA Board of Directors were ratified during the IA Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the International Irrigation Exposition and Technical Conference in New Orleans.

**Sam "Bo" Duke**, president of Russell Daniel Irrigation of Athens, Ga., was confirmed as treasurer of the IA. Duke served a three-year term on the Board of Directors, ending this year.

**David Ransburg**, chairman of L.R. Nelson Corporation of Peoria, Ill., was confirmed as an association director. Ransburg, who has been with L.R. Nelson for 20

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years, served as chairman of the IA Public Affairs Council from 1978-79.

**Michael Donahue**, president of Aquamaster Irrigation Products, Ltd. of Thornhill, Ont., was also confirmed as a director. Donahue has served three years

on the IA's Long Range Planning Council, of which he is now chairman.

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Before the November Annual Meeting and conference, the IA's Board of Directors voted to contribute \$1,000 to the **Future Farmers of America College Scholarship Program**, introduced in 1984 in response to rising education costs and declining enrollments in colleges of agriculture across the nation.

## ASPA to create Warren Fund?

The American Sod Producers of America (ASPA) Board of Trustees is contemplating the establishment of a Ben Warren Memorial Fund, to recognize and honor the contributions and achievements of the ASPA's founding president, who died this past August.

The Board has indicated formation of such a fund would be an appropriate memorial for Mr. Warren, but members need to indicate the extent to

which they would support such an endeavor.

Be aware that, at this time, contributions to an ASPA memorial fund would not be considered by the IRS to be a fully deductible donation to a charitable foundation. However, it may be deductible as a normal business expense.

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