



AAWRE Recognizes First Diplomates in 2005

Dr. W.H. Espey, P.E., a member of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Diplomate for the **American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE)**, along with more than 900 environmental and water resources engineering professionals attended the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) World Water and Environmental Resources Congress in Anchorage, Alaska, which took place May 15-19, 2005. The AAWRE and the **American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE)** hosted a reception on May 16th to **honor the first class** and commend the 93 diplomates who attended the reception for completing **ASCE’s first voluntary**, postlicensure specialty certification program. **ASCE’s president, William P. Henry, P.E.**, opened the reception by welcoming all attendees of the congress and congratulating the new diplomates.



**Anchorage, Alaska
May 19, 2005**

The AAWRE, an **ASCE subsidiary**, was founded by practicing water resources professionals who are members of **ASCE’s EWRI** to **improve the practice and elevate the standards of water resources engineering** and to raise its stature. Approved by the **AAWRE’s board of trustees in March 2005**, the diplomates comprise a wide range of water resources engineering experts in academia, public service, and private practice. Diplomate status requires a **bachelor of science followed by a master of science or a doctorate**. In the absence of a graduate degree, a candidate must have earned 30 additional advanced-level credits in water resources engineering. This academic preparation must be supplemented by **10 years of professional experience**. In addition, **three professional references are required** along with proof of adherence to ethical codes of conduct. To maintain their certification, diplomates must obtain 30 professional development hours annually.

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**Ft. Worth, Texas
July 20, 2005**

On July 20, 2005, Dr. W.H. Espey, P.E., as a representative of AAWRE’s board of trustees, attended a town hall briefing and award ceremony presented by **Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers at the Ft. Worth, District**. As part of the award ceremony, **Mr. Paul Rodman**, Chief of the Reservoir Control Branch, was presented with a plaque honoring him for achieving **AAWRE diplomate status**.

Applications for those wishing to **pursue diplomate status** as a **water resources engineer** in the next round are due by August 30, 2005. For additional information or to complete an online application, **please visit www.aawre.org**.