

GIMMICKS AND GADGETS COMMITTEE

- 1. PURPOSE:** To stimulate innovative thought to develop practical and inexpensive methods or tools to aid the water works industry.
- 2. MEETINGS, DUTIES AND REPORTS:** The committee shall solicit entries, judge these entries, and award prizes in accordance with the following guidelines:

To qualify as a Missouri Section Gimmick or Gadget, an entry must be submitted on the designated entry form. The entry must be submitted by an individual member of AWWA or by a person who is representing an organization member. An entry must be a novel and relatively simple mechanical device or procedure designed to provide a more efficient, safer, and/or simplified means of performing routine tasks or functions in the maintenance, operation, or construction of a water utility system. Commercially available products are not eligible as gadgets, but a unique use of a commercial product may be entered as a gimmick. The Gimmicks and Gadgets Committee will judge all entries on the basis of the industry. Entries may not be submitted for more than one specific competition year. All decisions of the Gimmicks and Gadgets Committee are final.

All entries will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the Missouri Section Annual Meeting. The top three entries shall be nominated by the Section to compete in the National AWWA Competition. Each submitted entry shall be recognized by the Section via a certificate naming the submitter. Only one (1) person may be identified as the submitter. The top three (3) entries, as judged by the Committee, shall receive a plaque and a cash incentive awarded by the Missouri Section. Cash incentives are as follows: \$200 for first place ranking, \$125 for second, \$75 for third.

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20 EACH YEAR