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TO: PSHFE Members/Pennsylvania Hospital Chief Executive Officers

FROM: PSHFE Board of Directors

**SUBJECT: DONALD M. SAUERMAN AWARD
PSHFE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**

Each year an individual is selected to receive the Donald M. Sauerman Award. The award is presented to honor an outstanding health facility or biomedical engineer in Pennsylvania for a significant accomplishment in the field of health facility or biomedical engineering. **The PSHFE Awards Committee is asking Chief Executive Officers to forward this to the administrative officer responsible for engineering, maintenance, and biomedical functions** so they can nominate someone for this award.

Anyone wishing to submit a nomination can use the following link to find out more information and access the electronic nomination form:

[Click here for more information OR to submit a nomination](#)

Pages 2 and 3 of this memo contains background information about Don Sauerman and information pertaining to the purpose of the award and nomination process. Each entry will be reviewed, and the selection will be made prior to the PSHFE Fall Conference. The successful candidate will receive a one-year membership in PSHFE (if not already a member) and will also receive a complimentary registration to two PSHFE conferences, including travel expenses (standard mileage and overnight room). The complimentary registrations will be for the 2026 Fall Conference and the 2027 Spring Conference.

Please take the time to submit an electronic nomination form for someone you know is deserving of this award. Any questions can be directed to Ralph O'Donnell, Jr., Business Manager at (717) 343-1863. All entries must be submitted no later than **July 15, 2026**.

Thank you,
PSHFE Awards Committee

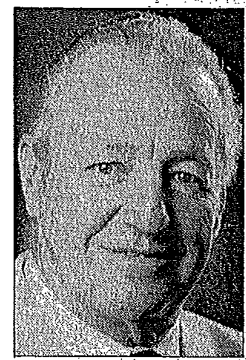


The Pennsylvania Society for Health Facility Engineering
PSHFE Mission Statement: PSHFE is the advocate and resource for continuous improvement in the health care engineering and facilities management profession in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The 2026 Sauerman Performance Recognition Award

About Don Sauerman

- Director of Facilities, Harrisburg Hospital 1971-1989 (now called UPMC Harrisburg)
- Member & Board of Directors - ASHE; Awarded both the Senior and Fellow designation by ASHE
- Member, Board Member, and President of the Hospital Engineers Association, Eastern Region Pennsylvania, 1970's-1991
- Two-time winner of HAP award for systems improvements and cost reduction at Harrisburg Hospital; also presented with the HAP award for cost containment.
- Don Sauerman established a model for hospital facility engineering performance and dedicated his career to facility management, energy efficiency, professional education, and professional development.



From Polaris-News file
Donald M. Sauerman

2026 Award Process and Recognition

- Every summer, the Pennsylvania Society of Health Facility Engineering (PSHFE) solicits nominations for the award (nominee must be employed within PA).
- PSHFE healthcare members and non-members are encouraged to submit nominations for a leader deemed to have earned this award by his or her excellent achievements in healthcare facility management.
- Nomination submissions are reviewed by a Committee comprised of Board of Directors members to select a recipient based on the accomplishments and contributions made to advance healthcare facility management performance.

DONALD M. SAUERMAN AWARD

PURPOSE

The Donald M. Sauerman Award will honor an outstanding health facility or biomedical engineer in Pennsylvania. It is awarded by the Pennsylvania Society for Health Facility Engineering for service to the society and/or for outstanding contributions to the field of health facility or biomedical engineering. The award winner will symbolize the contributions of all individuals who have given of their time and talents to promote the society and make health facility or biomedical engineering a better profession.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any health facility engineer, biomedical engineer, or other health facility employee is eligible for this award. Board members, Associate members of the Society and the previous year's award winner are not eligible.

WHO MAY MAKE NOMINATIONS

Any Chief Executive Officer, society member, or supervisor of the facility engineering department may make nominations for this award. The nominating person may nominate eligible employees of their own facility (including him or herself), or eligible employees of any other hospital or health system. Only one (1) nominee per individual is permitted.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Nominations must be submitted electronically by visiting the following web page and submitting the required information:

[Click here for more information OR to submit a nomination](#)

NOMINATION DEADLINE

All nominations and any supplementary materials must be submitted by **July 15, 2026**, to be eligible for consideration.

NOMINEE SELECTION

A special selection committee appointed by the Society President and composed of current members of the Board will judge the nominations for the award. Where additional information may be required, the chairman of the committee will personally contact the nominator.

PRESENTATION

The Donald M. Sauerman Award is presented each year at the PSHFE Fall Conference. This year's conference is scheduled for September 24-25, 2026.