SOCIETY POLICY

POLLING AND BALLOTING PROCEDURE FOR HONORS, MEDALS AND AWARDS

I. PREFACE

A. By-Law B2.1 states in part: "To promote the art, science and practice of mechanical and multidisciplinary engineering and allied sciences to diverse communities throughout the world the Society shall:..."...Offer awards and other honors to encourage contributions to engineering; confer awards and other honors in recognition of meritorious contributions to engineering."

B. By-Law B5.2.7.1 states, "The Committee on Honors, under the direction of the Board of Governors, shall recommend properly selected candidates for honors, medals, Honorary Members, and awards, and as required shall recommend recipients of joint awards, all subject to approval by the Board of Governors. However, the Board may delegate to the Committee on Honors the power to approve candidates for any honor, medal, or award other than Honorary Member or ASME Medalist."

C. The Committee on Honors Operation Guide describes the procedures of nominating and electing recipients of Honorary Membership, the ASME Medal and other honors, medals and awards.

II. PURPOSE

To define the polling and balloting procedures for honors, medals, and awards.

III. POLICY

A. All honors, medals and awards which are the responsibility of the Committee on Honors are to be decided with at least five members of the Committee present and voting, and with no more than one negative vote.

B. To approve the granting of any honor, medal, or award by ASME units other than the Board of Governors or the Committee on Honors it is required that:

1. A majority of the membership of the responsible Sector Board, Board or Committee be present at the time of the voting;

2. A majority of the members of the Sector Board, board or committee vote in the affirmative, with no more than one negative vote; and

3. There will be no proxy or absentee voting.
IV. PROCEDURE

A. Election or Recommendation by the Committee on Honors/General Awards Committee

1. Subject to the policies and procedures set forth in this Society Policy, the Board of Governors and each Committee shall adopt its own rules for the consideration of nominees for honors and awards.

2. The General Awards Committee shall make recommendations to the Committee on Honors for the following medals and awards:

   Barnett-Uzgiris Product Safety Design Award
   Bergles-Rohsenow Young Investigator Award in Heat Transfer
   Blackall Machine Tool and Gage Award
   Per Bruel Gold Medal for Noise Control and Acoustics
   Edwin F. Church Medal
   William T. Ennor Manufacturing Technology Award
   Fluids Engineering Award
   Gas Turbine Award
   Heat Transfer Memorial Award
   Henry Hess Early Career Publication Award
   Patrick J. Higgins Award
   Holley Medal
   Internal Combustion Engine Award
   Maan Jawad Boiler and Pressure Vessel Standards Award
   Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies Inc. Medal
   Allan Kraus Thermal Management Medal
   Bernard F. Langer Nuclear Codes & Standards Award
   Charles T. Main Student Leadership Awards
   McDonald Mentoring Award
   Melville Medal
   Robert M. Nerem Medal
   Burt L. Newkirk Award
   Edward F. Obert Award
   Old Guard Early Career Award
   Old Guard Prizes
   Performance Test Codes Medal
   Prime Movers Committee Award
   R. Tom Sawyer Award
   Outstanding Student Section Advisor Award
   Lakshmi Singh Early Career Leadership Award
   Ben C. Sparks Medal
   Safety Codes and Standards Medal
   Ruth and Joel Spira Outstanding Design Educator Award
   Worcester Reed Warner Medal
   Arthur L. Williston Medal
   S.Y. Zamrik Pressure Vessels and Piping Medal

The Committee on Honors, on behalf of the Board of Governors, shall elect the recipients of the above medals and awards.
3. The Committee on Honors, on behalf of the Board of Governors, shall choose the recipients of the following medals and awards:

Adaptive Structures and Materials Systems
Avram Bar-Cohen Memorial Medal
Zdeněk P. Bažant Medal
Thomas K. Caughey Dynamics Medal
Devor-Kapoor Manufacturing Medal
Daniel C. Drucker Medal
Thomas A. Edison Patent Award
Nancy DeLoye Fitzroy and Roland V. Fitzroy Medal
Freeman Scholar Program
Y.C. Fung Young Investigator Award
Henry Laurence Gantt Medal
Kate Gleason Award
Richard J. Goldstein Energy Lecture Award
Melvin R. Green Codes and Standards Medal
Edward S. Grood Interdisciplinary Team Science Medal in Bioengineering
J.P. Den Hartog Award
Mayo D. Hersey Award
Soichiro Honda Medal
Warner T. Koiter Medal
Robert E. Koski Medal
Frank Kreith Energy Award
James N. Landis Medal
Wilfred C. LaRochelle Conformity Assessment Award
H.R. Lissner Medal
Machine Design Award
M. Eugene Merchant Manufacturing Medal of ASME/SME
Van C. Mow Medal
Nadai Medal
Nemat-Nasser Early Career Award
Rufus Oldenburger Medal
Marshall B. Peterson Award
Pi Tau Sigma-ASME Awards
  • Gustus L. Larson Memorial Award
  • Pi Tau Sigma Gold Medal
  • Charles Russ Richards Memorial Award
James Harry Potter Gold Medal
Dixy Lee Ray Award
Ralph Coats Roe Medal
Milton C. Shaw Manufacturing Research Medal
Spirit of St. Louis Medal
J. Hall Taylor Medal
Robert Henry Thurston Lecture Award
Timoshenko Medal
Yeram S. Touloukian Award
George Westinghouse Medals
Henry R. Worthington Medal
Savio Lau-Yuen Woo Translational Biomechanics Medal
4. The Committee on Honors shall make recommendations to the Board of Governors for the ASME Medal and Honorary Membership in the Society.

5. The Committee on Honors shall be responsible for the administration of the Dedicated Service Award.

6. The Committee on Honors shall maintain files and shall cooperate with any member or committee of the Society who wishes to make a nomination for the following Joint Awards:

   National Inventors Hall of Fame
   M. Eugene Merchant Manufacturing Medal of ASME/SME

7. Decisions of the Committee on Honors for those honors, awards and medals delegated to it by the Board of Governors shall be reported to the Board of Governors at its next meeting.

The Board of Governors has the right to question any decision of the Committee on Honors.

8. The Committee on Honors will also be charged with determining the relevance of continuing ASME participation with the joint awards listed in IV.A.6 above, particularly in the event that the board of award becomes inactive or the objectives of the award board are revised. The Committee on Honors shall make the appropriate recommendation to discontinue any such relationship to the Board of Governors for consideration.

B. Election by the Board of Governors

1. In an executive session, nominations for the ASME Medal and Honorary Membership received from the Committee on Honors shall be discussed prior to any balloting.

Responsibility: Committee on Honors

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(Addition of Caughey Medal 6/20)
(Nerem, Higgins, Sawyer and Zamrik Awards responsibility changed 11/20)
(Addition of Devor-Kapoor Award 2/22)
(Addition of Grood Award 6/22)
(Addition of Bar-Cohen Award 10/22)
(Addition of Bažant Medal 1/23)
(Addition of Jawad Award 12/23)