
ASME PROFESSIONAL SECTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Professional Section Recognition Program was created to highlight the accomplishments of our outstanding sections. This program is designed to shine a light on the amazing work our professional sections produce throughout the ASME program year. Our sections make a difference in the lives of mechanical engineers throughout the world, and this is our opportunity to congratulate the volunteer leaders and members on their great work!

Professional section activities used for award submission must be completed by May 31, 2024.

Section Achievement Award

In order to receive the Section Achievement Award, you must complete the steps listed below.

- Complete and submit the Section Update form, this should include the Section Leadership Team (SLT) members filling a minimum of the three required positions (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer).
 - All SLT members must be active ASME members in good standing for the entire program year.
- SLT members will complete and return the Volunteer Enrollment form
- All public online presence for a section must be kept current, and at least updated quarterly ➤
Hold a minimum of three activities for section members through May 31, 2024, including:
 - Student section program and/or program benefiting students
 - Early career networking event
 - Professional or Technical meeting / training
 - Event-in-a-box activity
- Submit GMEC requests to promote the specified activities above
- One SLT member attend Monthly Leadership Meeting
- Submit After-Activity Reports for the specified activities above

Sections that meet these criteria will receive the Section Achievement Award, which includes:

- Recognition on the ASME Section website and ASME News.
- One free ASME membership. (The SLT will select the recipient of the free ASME membership.)

E-certificates will also be provided upon request. For more information related to these criteria review the Section Handbook.

Disclaimer: Your section must qualify for the Section Achievement Award to nominate for any additional awards. Additional information will be provided by your Section Coordinator on submitting nomination materials separately.

The awards listed below will recognize the best of our professional section community, and the amazing work completed by the volunteer leaders. These awards recognize sections for their outstanding achievements in community engagement, membership growth, unique programming, and out-of-the box activities.

The winners of these awards will be selected by a committee of volunteers and staff based on additional criteria and information submitted.

***Section of the Year Award**

This award will be given to one outstanding section that meets a minimum of three required criteria listed below (points earned will be dependent on the proven success of activities; extra points will be given to sections that successfully meet additional criteria). All activities will need to be concluded by May 31, 2024.

- Host a community engagement event/activity (e.g. a community service event, hosting an event partnering with a community organization, etc.)
- Complete an activity that supports the mission and vision of ASME and highlights the benefits of ASME membership
- Receive sponsorship funding and/or fundraise
- Work in partnership with staff and volunteers from other areas within ASME, e.g.:
 - Collaborating with another section on an activity or event
 - Working with or helping a division engage section members
- Engage with ASME members to coordinate short-term volunteer opportunities/roles, with three separate instances. (e.g., welcome table/greeter, moderator, event content leader or assist with the break-down of events)
- Create a program that includes a celebration of cultural diversity in engineering (e.g. an Engineer Week program highlighting diversity in engineering, a program series highlighting engineers from diverse backgrounds, a program that follows a specific month celebrating cultural diversity, etc.)

The section that is selected to receive the Section of the Year award will receive the following prizes:

- Recognition at a special year-end event
- Receive an additional \$1,000 from the Section Activity Funding Program which must be used in the upcoming program year for eligible programs and activities.
- Recognition on the ASME Section website and ASME News.

***Section Innovation Award**

This award will be given to one innovative section that meets the criteria below. All activities will need to be concluded by May 31, 2024.

- Section develops and executes a creative and original event benefiting the members highlighting one of ASME's five strategic technologies (Bioengineering, Clean Energy, Manufacturing, Pressure Technology or Robotics) using one of the platforms listed below:
 - Industry engagement
 - Professional development
 - K-12 engagement

The section that is selected to receive the Section Innovation Award will receive the following prizes:

- Recognition at a special year-end event
- Receive an additional \$500 from the Section Activity Funding Program which must be used in the upcoming program year for eligible programs and activities.
- Recognition on the ASME Section website and ASME News.

***Best Activity Ever (BAE) Award**

This award is given to one exceptional section that develops and executes an activity that meets the criteria listed below. All activities will need to be concluded by May 31, 2024.

- Engage at least 20 attendees during the event. A list of attendees for the event will need to be provided.
- Develop and execute an event that addresses the needs of the section members, provides community connectivity, and engages students and early career engineers.
- Complete an event that creates revenue for the section.

The section that is selected to receive the Best Activity Ever (BAE) Award will receive the following prizes:

- Recognition at a special year-end event
- Receive an additional \$500 from the Section Activity Funding Program which must be used in the upcoming program year for eligible programs and activities.
- Recognition on the ASME Section website and ASME News.

**Award may not be presented every year.*

***Nomination Processes**

- Staff Recognition - Section Achievement awardees are determined by staff. Staff may also nominate the section for additional awards.
- Self-nomination - Section leaders or other members of the section can submit a nomination.
- Ambassador Nomination - Section ambassadors can nominate a section for an award.