



DISTINGUISHED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

Distinguished Life Membership was established in 1954. It is conferred on those leaders who have devoted their time, knowledge, and abilities to the advancement of the materials industries. The award is among the most prestigious of the Society. It is expected that all nominees will be truly outstanding.

It is ASM's commitment to be inclusive and mindful of diversity in our policies, programs, courses, awards, and interactions with others. As an organization, we affirm and encourage nominations of qualified candidates, within each award's criteria, regardless of their age, culture, ethnic origin, gender, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

II. RULES

- A. ASM International membership is not mandatory.
- B. ASM Past Presidents are not eligible.
- C. Candidates for the award may be proposed by Chapters, Affiliate Societies, Committees/Councils, Award Selection Committee, Awards Policy Committee, or any five members of the Society. But it is incumbent upon the Award Selection Committee to nominate only highly qualified individuals. As such, they should spare no effort, using whatever resources are necessary, to identify and carefully document the unusual achievements of the nominees.
- D. Recommendations must be submitted to ASM Headquarters not later than 1 February, one year prior to the year in which the award is to be presented.
- E. Nominations are eligible for three years.
- F. The number of candidates to be nominated each year is subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee. It is anticipated that not more than three candidates will be nominated in a given year. When more than one candidate is selected, a balance should be sought, e.g., one from producers, one from consumers and one from other sectors of the Society, such as research.
- G. Distinguished Life Members, upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the approval of the Awards Policy Committee, are elected by unanimous, affirmative vote of all members of the ASM Board of Trustees at a duly called meeting.
- H. It is the desire of the members of the Board of Trustees to confer the awards personally, and it is a condition of acceptance of the award that the recipients be present at the annual awards event for appropriate recognition.
- I. Distinguished Life Members are not required to pay membership fees.
- J. No candidate shall be selected for an award posthumously.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

A Distinguished Life Membership certificate and a pin will be presented.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE**A. Appointments**

Individual members and the chairperson of the Award Selection Committee shall be selected and appointed by the Awards Policy Committee.

B. Composition and Tenure

1. The Selection Committee for Distinguished Life Membership is the same as the Selection Committee for the Medal for the Advancement of Research.
2. The Committee shall be made up of a balance of industrial, research and educational leaders, in order to provide a fully integrated appreciation of the contribution of the candidates.
3. The committee shall be made up of a minimum of five members, including the chair, who have been active in the affairs of the Society.
4. The tenure for members of the Award Selection Committee shall be three years on a rotating basis with no more than one third of the members replaced in any one year.

C. Report of the Selection Committee

1. The Selection Committee shall, by May 1st one year prior to that in which the award is to be presented, submit to the Awards Policy Committee a report, including background material on the nominees, as well as the rationale for the Selection Committee's recommendations.
2. The Selection Committee shall compose a concise statement of the recipients' accomplishments.
3. The Selection Committee Chair will be furnished with a Board Report Form which, when completed, provides a reporting mechanism for the above requirements and should be a part of the report to the Awards Policy Committee.

V. ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that there will continue to be the unusual situation where the conferring of a Distinguished Life Membership is appropriate, and where logistics will not permit the usual method of selection. In such cases, the Board empowers the officers to take such action as may be necessary. There is no intent here to dilute the nature of the award nor the system by which candidates are selected, and the Board believes that this alternate method will be used on only rare occasions, as history has shown.