



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

Honorary Membership in the Society was established in 1919. It recognizes distinguished service to the materials science and engineering profession, and to the progress of humankind.

Honorary Membership is among the most prestigious awards of the Society. Consequently, it is expected that all nominees will be truly outstanding individuals who have significantly furthered the purposes of the Society through an evidenced appreciation of the importance of the science of materials and through distinguished service to the materials science and engineering profession and the progress of humankind.

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 eligible for this award five years after having completed their term as ASM President.
- 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. However, chief responsibility for the quality of the selection lies with the Award Selection Committee. In view of the high esteem in which this award is regarded by the Society, the Committee should exercise unusual diligence in its efforts to identify and select only truly outstanding candidates.
- C. The Selection Committee will review only nominations submitted on the proper form.
- D. Nominations are eligible for three years.
- E. Recommendations must be submitted to ASM Headquarters not later than 1 February two years prior to the year in which the award is to be presented.
- F. Statements of at least three close associates familiar with the candidate's endeavors should be included with the nomination form.
- G. Only one award will be presented in a particular year.
- H. Honorary Members are not required to pay membership fees.
- I. Suggested citation of not more than thirty words should appear on the nomination form.
- J. Honorary Members shall be elected by unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board of Trustees present at a meeting of the Board duly called and held, after having been nominated in a manner determined by the Board.

K. It is the desire of the members of the Board of Trustees to present the award personally, and it is a condition of acceptance of the award that the recipient be present at the annual awards event for appropriate recognition.

L. No candidate shall be selected for an award posthumously.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

An Honorary Membership Certificate will be presented.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Appointments

1. 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 committee shall be made up of recognized leaders in the materials profession who are familiar with the most outstanding members of their profession throughout the world.
2. The committee shall consist of a minimum of five members.
3. 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. Consideration of Relativity and Duplication of Awards

1. In considering candidates for awards, due regard should be given to the relativity of other awards previously conferred upon the candidates.

D. Report of Selection Committee

1. The committee shall, by May 1st one year preceding that in which the award is to be made, submit to the Awards Policy Committee a report, including nomination form and background information on the chosen nominee, and giving rationale and documentation for selection.
2. A concise statement, in thirty words or less, of the recipient's accomplishments shall be composed by the Selection Committee for inclusion on the award certificate.
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.