



ALBERT EASTON WHITE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

The Albert Easton White Distinguished Teacher Award was established in 1960 in recognition of Professor White's accomplishments as a teacher of metallurgy, and because of his key role in the founding of the American Society for Metals (now ASM International). The award is made each year to recognize unusually long and devoted service in teaching as well as significant accomplishments in materials science and engineering, and an unusual ability to inspire and impart enthusiasm to students.

Albert Easton White, one of the founding members of ASM, was President of the Society in 1921. He was distinguished for his long service to the University of Michigan as a teacher and as Director of its Research Institute. Professor White was noted for his metallurgical accomplishments, especially in the field of high temperature properties of metals and alloys for service in steam power plants.

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. Unusually long and devoted service in the teaching of materials science and engineering is interpreted by the Awards Policy Committee to mean not less than 15 years at the time of nomination.
- B. Five years of current, continuous membership as an individual or as the voting representative of a chapter sustaining membership at the time of nomination is required.
- 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, responsibility for the quality of the candidate proposed resides fully with the Award Selection Committee. Therefore, no effort should be spared by this Committee to identify the best qualified individuals and to fully document outstanding teaching capabilities and significant accomplishments in materials science and engineering of the candidate finally selected.
- D. Nominations are eligible for three years.
- E. The Selection Committee will review only nominations submitted on the proper form.
- F. 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.
- G. The recipient shall be an individual who is characterized by an unusual ability to inspire and impart enthusiasm to students, as well as by significant accomplishments in materials science and engineering.

- H. Statements of at least three close associates familiar with the candidate's endeavors should be included with the nomination form.
- I. Only one award shall be presented each year.
- J. No candidate shall be selected for an award posthumously.
- K. Suggested citation of not more than thirty words should appear on the nomination form.
- L. 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.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

A plaque mounted on walnut will be presented.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Appointments

- 1. Individual members and the chair 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 a balance of materials scientists and/or materials engineers from academia, government and/or research institutions, who are capable of evaluating excellence in teaching and research.
- 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 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 candidate.

D. Report of the 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, as well as 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.
- 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.