

OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal Award (Rand Award) recognizes distinguished achievement in mining administration, regarding mining in its broad sense to include metallurgy and petroleum.

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies, but preference is given to members. If a committee member is nominated, they will follow any recusal (or other) procedures that their Member Society employs. The recipient must have been living when they were selected. Current AIME trustees are ineligible to receive AIME awards, except the Presidential Citation or if nominated and selected for another award prior to starting their AIME Board service.

The award was established by AIME in 1932 in memory of Charles Frederic Rand, who came into mining from railroad work as president and general manager of the Aurora, Ashland, Atlantic, Iron Belt, Superior, Palms, and Comet iron mining companies, representing the Rockefeller interests, in 1896. Mr. Rand served as president of AIME in 1913 and as treasurer from 1922-27. In 2011, AIME transitioned this award to SME.

TIMELINE

The Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
April 1	Call for nominations
June 1	Nomination deadline
June 30	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
July 15	First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)
July 25	Second round of voting complete (if needed)
August 1	Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator
September 15	Recipient is notified
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Award is presented

NOMINATIONS	<p>Nominations for the Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal Award require the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator. 2. Required: One letter of support detailing the nominee's qualification for the award. Should address qualities that are mentioned in the guidelines. Should focus on quality over quantity introducing the candidate to the committee (1 page). 3. Not required: Up to four additional letters emphasizing the candidates qualifications for the award. (quality over quantity) (1 page each). 4. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum). 5. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). 6. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). 7. Appropriate award citation. <p>All nominations submitted will be considered active nominations for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines provided on the award nomination form, which may be downloaded here: smenet.org/awards-recognition</p>
CRITERIA	<p>The award will be administered by a committee of the five most recent SME past presidents. The chair of the committee shall be the most recent past president.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner. • Current members of the SME Board of Directors, SME Division Executive Committees, Award Committees, or Foundation Board of Trustees are NOT eligible for any awards that they are responsible for approving during their term, with the exception of "past chair" recognitions. • No person is eligible to receive more than one SME or SME/AIME award in a single year.
SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS	<p>Recipients of the Rand Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval the SME Board of Directors. The award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p>
AWARD	<p>The Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal Award shall consist of a 3-1/4" x 2-1/2" gold-plated medal bearing the likeness of Charles F. Rand, and on which the recipient's name and year of award are inscribed. Also, a certificate is provided bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement upon which the award is based.</p>
PRESENTATION OF AWARD	<p>The award will be presented at SME's Annual Awards Celebration, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference & Expo.</p>
FUNDING	<p>All expenses incurred with respect to the award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in each cycle.</p>

AMENDMENTS	These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the SME Board of Directors and AIME Board of Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.
QUESTIONS	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator Email: awards@smenet.org or SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200