AIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Recognition

Established in 1872 and bestowed in appreciation of outstanding service to the Institute or in recognition of distinguished scientific or engineering achievement in the fields embracing, broadly speaking, the activities of the Institute.

The Award Fund

All expenses in respect of the award are paid from the AIME Recognition Program budget.

The Award

A medallion and framed certificate are awarded to each recipient. The three-inch silver medallion, hung from a blue and white ribbon, bears the Institute insignia and the recipient’s name and year of presentation. A walnut shadowbox frame is provided for display of the medallion. The medallions can also be worn by Honorary Members at appropriate functions, such as the annual banquet. The certificate bears a citation indicating the recipient’s service or achievement. Each recipient is also given a lapel pin, which is a replica of the Medallion.

Committee of the Award

None. See eligibility below.

Eligibility

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies. Candidate must be living or passed away prior to May 1st of the nomination year. They should be outstanding in their professions (distinguished scientific or engineering achievements), have held an official position of service to the profession, and/or performed outstanding service to AIME.

For AIME Honorary Membership only

Candidates for Honorary Membership are generally (1) members of the AIME Member Societies who are outstanding in their respective fields and/or who have performed unusual service to the Institute; (2) United States citizens, whether AIME Member Society members or not, who are particularly outstanding; or (3) citizens of foreign countries who are outstanding in their work combined with some official position of service to the profession.

Nominations/Application

For AIME Honorary Membership only

AIME Staff notifies Member Societies of vacancies by May 1 (1/10th of 1% of membership can be AIME Honorary Members). Nominations from the general membership should go to the Society’s Executive Director for consideration by the Member Society Board.

Each year a Society with a vacancy may nominate one candidate. Additional nominations may be made according to the following schedule:
American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers

Number of Vacancies  Permissible Number
After Nominating One  of Additional Nominations

1 to 10  1
11 to 20  2
21 and over  3

Nominating vacancies not used remain within the Society not using them. Vacancies caused by the deaths of incumbent Honorary Members will be treated no differently than vacancies caused by member growth. The AIME Board approved an Emeritus status in November 2004 for Honorary Members of 10 years or more that are age 80 or over. This eliminates the need for the sometimes difficult task of tracking older members and possibly allows for additional vacancies to open up sooner to the Member Societies.

**Voting**

For AIME Honorary Membership only
At Society Board meeting.

**Decision**

For AIME Honorary Membership only
From Society Executive Director to AIME Staff by June 15.

**Final Approval or Ratification**

For AIME Honorary Membership only
By AIME Board at its annual meeting in August.

**Presentation**

At recipient’s Society annual banquet the following year (except SPE administered awards, which are presented in the same year that the nominations are received). Non-members can designate to receive the award at a specific Member Society function or just have it sent to them.

**Follow-up**

Member Societies should forward recipient photos and bios to AIME staff for recognition in their Member Society publications and on the AIME website.