

Percy Nicholls Award Guidelines & Procedures

Overview

The Percy Nicholls award is for Notable Scientific or Industrial Achievement in the field of solid fuels.

This award is to honor an engineer, organizer, administrator, outstanding leader in the coal industry who has made an important and lasting impression on design of coal-burning equipment to use a wider range of coals. The candidate organized a comprehensive series of fuel engineering conference(s); published proceedings of which constitute an outstanding reference work; has helped industrial coal consumers solve their problems and many mine operators have benefited from his advice and counsel; or has been a force in the engineering profession toward furthering better fuel utilization and improved mining practices. The candidate has been a staunch supporter of activities in ASME and SME and is a member of one or both Societies.

There are no limitations regarding nationality but must be a member of SME or ASME. The recipient must be living at the time of award presentation.

Timeline

The Rock Mechanics Award adheres to the following timeline:

Due 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 Meeting	Award is presented

Nominations

Nominations for the Percy Nicholls Award should contain the following information:

1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator.
2. Up to five letters of support detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award (no longer than 2 pages each).
3. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum).
4. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
5. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
6. Appropriate award citation.

All nominations submitted will be considered active nominations for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted online in accordance with the guidelines. <https://www.smenet.org/awardsrecognition>

Administration	The Percy Nicholls Award is administered by the SME Coal & Energy Division. The Award Committee consists of five representatives of C&E and ASME, each serving a four-year term. The Chair of the committee shall rotate to the outgoing senior representative of the committee annually.
Selection of Recipients	<p>Recipients of the Percy Nicholls Award shall be selected by the award committee, subject to the approval of the C&E Division Executive Committee and the SME Board of Directors. No more than one award will be made each year.</p> <p>If in any year the committee of award does not find a nominee whose contribution merits the award, or if the available funds are not sufficient to merit the costs of an award, it may recommend that no award is given.</p>
Award	The Percy Nicholls Award consists of framed certificate containing a citation of the service or achievement upon which the award is based. The certificate is signed by the chair of the Coal & Energy Division on the left side and the Chair ASME Fuels Division. Underneath each signature is the SME Seal and the ASME Seal.
Presentation of Award	The recipient of the award may select to receive the award at either the SME annual conference in February or the AMSE annual meeting usually in September. The recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to the appropriate luncheon.
Funding	All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in.
Amendments	These regulations may be amended by the Percy Nicholls Award Committee, subject to approval by the C&E Division Executive Committee and SME Board of Directors.
Questions	Questions may be directed to: SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200 or the Awards Coordinator E-mail: awards@smenet.org
