

## MINER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Guidelines and Procedures

#### OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Miner of the Year Award was established by the Mining & Exploration (M&E) Division in 2012 and was first awarded in 2013. It is presented to a person in recognition for getting “Rock in the Box.” This award is designed to recognize mine-site leaders who are able to manage production, people, community, safety and be good stewards of the environment. The award is funded by Epiroc (previously Atlas Copco, Inc.).

Eligibility requirements for the Miner of the Year Award are as follows:

1. The nominee must be either an SME member in good standing or willing to accept an expense paid one-year membership.
2. The nominee must be willing to accept the award in person at the SME Annual Conference & Expo.

#### TIMELINE

The Miner of the Year Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

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

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| <b>NOMINATIONS</b>             | <p>Nominations for the Miner of the Year Award require the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator.</li> <li>2. <b>Required:</b> 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).</li> <li>3. <b>Not required:</b> Up to four additional letters emphasizing the candidates qualifications for the award. (quality over quantity) (1 page each).</li> <li>4. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum).</li> <li>5. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).</li> <li>6. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).</li> <li>7. Appropriate award citation.</li> </ol> <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: <a href="http://smenet.org/awards-recognition">smenet.org/awards-recognition</a></p> |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>          | <p>The award is administered by the Mining &amp; Exploration Division (M&amp;E Division) of the Society, under the direction of the SME Board of Directors. The Award Committee consists of the following officers of the M&amp;E Division: past chair (serving as committee chair), current chair, chair-elect, vice chair-programs, vice chair-program planning, vice chair-publications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• No person is eligible to receive more than one SME or SME/AIME award in a single year.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS</b> | <p>Recipients of the award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval of the SME Board of Directors. The award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p>  |
| <b>AWARD</b>                   | <p>The award consists of a custom statue designed by Gary Prazen. A plaque engraved with the name of the award, recipient's name, and year of award will be affixed to the base of the statue. The first ten statues were donated to the Mining &amp; Exploration Division by Epiroc (previously Atlas Copco, Inc.). If the award recipient is not a member of SME, the M&amp;E Division will pay for the recipient's annual membership for the year of award acceptance.</p>   |
| <b>PRESENTATION OF AWARD</b>   | <p>The award will be presented at the Mining &amp; Exploration Division's Annual Luncheon, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference &amp; Expo.</p>   |
| <b>FUNDING</b>                 | <p>All expenses incurred with respect to the award shall be the financial responsibility of the Mining &amp; Exploration Division.</p>  |



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#### AMENDMENTS

These regulations may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the M&E Division Executive Committee and the SME Board of Directors. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.

#### QUESTIONS

Questions may be directed to:  
Awards Coordinator Email: [awards@smenet.org](mailto:awards@smenet.org) or  
SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200