



Syd S. and Felicia F. Peng Ground Control in Mining Award Guidelines and Procedures

Overview and Eligibility

The Syd S. Peng Ground Control in Mining Award (Peng Award) was established in 2004 through a generous donation from Syd and Felicia Peng. The purpose of the Peng Award is to provide recognition to individuals that have demonstrated technical and scientific excellence in advancing the understanding of ground control technologies or approaches by either publication or direct applications in the mining industry.

The annual award will be given to an individual or a group that: (1) has shown insight and understanding of ground control issues by developing concepts, theories or technologies that have been adopted by the mining community, or (2) has successfully implemented a ground control design or designs or practices. The award will be available to individuals/groups that have made such contributions to ground control related to coal and/or non-coal (metals, commodities, etc.) or aggregate mines.

The selection committee shall consider (but not be limited by) the following criteria:

- Publication record in the field of ground control in mining.
- Acceptance of applicant's research findings by the mining industry in the form of a case study or studies.
- Demonstrated recognition of applicant by previous activities in the field of mining engineering related to ground control issues.
- Membership in SME (non SME members will be considered during the reviewing process. Once selected, he/she will be asked to join SME with the first year membership fee paid by this endowment).

Timeline

The Peng Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Due Date	Task
April 1	Call for nominations
August 1	Nomination deadline
August 15	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
September 15	First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)
September 20	Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator
September 25	Recipient is notified
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Award is presented at the SME/AIME Awards Banquet

Nominations

Nominations for the Peng Award should contain the following information:

1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator. The submission is to include a written history of the nominee that details the most significant publications or case studies.
 2. Submission of a brief summary on the major contributions of the nominee and details of the nominee's recognition by the mining industry. The nomination
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summary shall not exceed two pages and any information beyond the two-page limit will not be considered by the Selection Committee.

3. Nominee's biography (two page maximum).
4. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – three page maximum).
5. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – three page maximum).
6. Appropriate award citation.

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:

<http://www.smenet.org/membership/awards/awards-nomination-form>

Administration	The Peng Award is administered by the Peng Award Committee under the direction of the SME Board of Directors. The selection committee is composed of five members who have been chosen based on their demonstrated ability and track record for dealing with ground control issues in mining. When possible, the selection committee will be composed of at least one member from each of the following: academia, the mining industry, the government and the mining consulting industry. Members of the committee are not eligible for the award during their tenure on the selection committee.
Selection of Recipients	Recipients of the Peng Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Committee of the Award, subject to the approval of the SME Board of Directors. The Peng Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.
Award	A framed certificate, a bronze statue, and a minimum of \$2,000 (U.S.) depending on the available funds to be determined annually by the Committee Chairman.
Presentation of Award	The Peng Award will be presented at SME's Annual Awards Banquet held in conjunction with SME's Annual Conference & Expo. The recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to this event.
Funding	All expenses incurred in respect of the Peng Award shall be the financial responsibility of the SME Foundation (SMEF) and are funded by the proceeds of the Peng Fund.
Amendments	These regulations may be amended by the Peng Award Committee, subject to approval by the SMEF Board of Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.
Questions	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator Phone: 303-948-4200 Email: awards@smenet.org
