



**UCA Lifetime Achievement Award  
Guidelines & Procedures**

**Overview**

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals with outstanding achievements in the underground design and construction industry accomplished through design and/or construction of civil underground facilities.

**Timeline**

The UCA Lifetime Achievement Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Due Date	Task
August 1st	Call for nominations due – Issued by Chair for T&UC
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nominations Open
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Nomination deadline
November 20th	UCA Award Committee to submit recipient name and citation to Awards Coordinator
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Coordinator will submit to UCA of SME Executive Committee
March T&UC	Award recipients announced
June – biennial (Even)	Award presented at NAT banquet

**Nominations**

Each Executive Committee member may submit one candidate. Candidates may also be nominated by other UCA Members. Each submission must be made online. If the nomination is not made online, the Chair must contact the nominator and request resubmission online.

- The nominee must have contributed significantly to the education, planning, design, construction, or rehabilitation of tunnels and underground facilities. This includes seeking advances in new methods, materials, and advancing the public understanding and concurrence with the beneficial uses of underground space.
- The nominee must have a minimum of 20 years of professional experience anywhere in the world and have spent most of his/her career in underground construction.
- The nominee should be a UCA member in good standing at the time of the award.

**Administration**

The Award Recipient will be chosen by the UCA Executive Committee

**Selection of Recipients**

After nominations have closed, the UCA Awards Committee will be notified that nominations are ready for review. Once notified they will login at smenet.org and view all nominations and supporting documentation. The recipient will be chosen without regard to age, gender, race, religion, or nationality.

**Award**

The UCA Lifetime Achievement Award is to consist of a suitable plaque engraved with the recipient's name and year of the award. The recipient will become an honorary member of UCA, receive a complimentary registration to NAT, and a ticket to the

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event where the award is given.

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**Presentation of the Award** The award will be presented biennially (even) at the NAT banquet.

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**Funding** All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of general Underground Construction Division funds.

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**Amendments** These guidelines may be amended by the UCA Award Committee, subject to approval by the UCA Executive Committee. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.

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

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