

Rock Mechanics Award Guidelines & Procedures

Overview

The Rock Mechanics Award shall be given for distinguished contributions to the advancement of the field of rock mechanics and is open to all regardless of age, nationality, SME membership, or professional field.

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the society, though preference is given to society members. All candidates 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 Rock Mechanics 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 Rock Mechanics Award is jointly administered by SME's Coal & Energy and Mining & Exploration Divisions. The Rock Mechanics Award Committee consists of four representatives from each division, each serving a four-year term. The Chair of the committee shall rotate between the divisions annually and shall be the appropriate division's outgoing senior member of the committee.

Selection of Recipients Recipients of the Rock Mechanics Award shall be selected by the award committee, subject to the approval of the C&E Division Executive Committee, M&E Division Executive Committee, and the SME Board of Directors. No more than one award will be made each year. An achievement in rock mechanics by a team of two or more may be recognized in manner designated by the award committee.

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 be made.

Award The Rock Mechanics Award consists of a suitable plaque containing a citation of the service or achievement upon which the award is based.

Presentation of Award The Rock Mechanics award is presented during either the Coal & Energy Division Annual Luncheon or the Mining & Exploration Division Annual Luncheon, at the discretion of the recipient. The recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to the appropriate luncheon.

Funding All expenses incurred in respect to the award will be paid by the M&E Division or the C&E Division or shall come from the income derived from any money paid to the society as endowment for this award. Any such endowment fund shall be placed by the society in a Rock Mechanics Award fund.

Amendments These regulations may be amended by the Rock Mechanics Award Committee, subject to approval by the C&E Division Executive Committee, M&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
