

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	Date	Task
	December 1	Call for nominations due - Issued by Chair for T&UC
	January 7	Nominations open
	February 28	Nominations deadline
	March 17	UCA Award Committee to submit recipient name and citation to Awards Coordinaor
	March 18	Awards Coordinator to submit to UCA Executive Committee
	May issue Tunneling & Underground Construction	Award recipients announced
		Award will be presented at a NAT/RETC event
NOMINATIONS & ELIGIBILITY	 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. A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner. Current voting members of the SME Board of Directors, SME Division Executive Committees, or Award Committees, are NOT eligible for any awards that they are responsible for approving during their term, with the exception of "past chair" recognitions. No person is eligible to receive more than one SME, UCA or SME/AIME award in a single year. 	
SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS	The Award Recipient will be chosen by the UCA Award Committee.	
AWARD	The UCA Lifetime Acheivement Award is a 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 the UCA event, and a ticket to the event where the award is given.	
PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD	The award will be presented at a UCA event.	
FUNDING	All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of general Underground Construction Division funds.	
AMENDMENTS	These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the UCA Executive Committee. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.	
QUESTIONS	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator 303-948-4200 awards@smenet.org	