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THE WILLIAM LAWRENCE SAUNDERS GOLD MEDAL

1. The William Lawrence Saunders Gold Medal to recognize distinguished achievement in mining other than coal, may be awarded from time to time upon affirmative advice from the SME Board of Directors and under the conditions as herein defined.
2. The presentation will be made at such time and place as the Directors may designate, preferably at the ensuing Annual Meeting of the Institute.
3. The Medal will be accompanied by an engrossed diploma containing a citation of the service or achievement upon which the award is based.

Eligibility

4. The conditions of eligibility are as follows:
 - (a) There are no limitations regarding nationality, membership in the Society, or otherwise. All other factors being equal, it is suggested that preference be given to members of the Society.
 - (b) A candidate must be a living person able and willing to present himself in person to receive the award at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. However, the death of a candidate subsequent to May 1st does not render them ineligible during that year; and if they are duly selected for the award, the presentation shall be made posthumously in accordance with special procedure to be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
 - (c) No person who has been awarded any one of the nine awards (Douglas, Saunders, Lucas, Rand, Ramsay, Richards, Fairless, Hardinge, and McConnell) is eligible for consideration for any other of the eight honors. To avoid the possibility of one person being considered by more than one committee of award at the same time, the chair of each of the nine committees, between the 15th and 25th day of June of each year, shall communicate in writing to the chairs of the other eight committees the names of the persons on the "Active List" for consideration by the committee for the current year; and should it appear that any individual be a candidate for more than one award, the nine chairs, as a special committee, shall determine on which eligible list the candidate should be retained for that year. In the event of failure to agree, advice may be asked of the Board of Directors.

Committee of Award

5. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members of the Society, two being appointed annually by the SME President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors at the February/March meeting of the Board. The tenure of office shall be four years. The President of the Society shall be an ex officio member without vote of the Committee of Award.
6. Any vacancies occurring shall be filled by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors at the next ensuing meeting of the Board or, when no Board meetings are held, by the SME Executive Committee.
7. Committee appointments shall be confined to members interested in mining, other than coal, distributed as widely as practicable geographically. Foreign members shall not be excluded.
8. The President of the Society will submit to the Board of Directors at its February/March meeting, the name of the Chair of the Committee, to be selected from the senior group of membership.

Nominations

9. If, after the meeting of the Board of Directors in February/March the Committee receives affirmative advice from the Board of Directors that an award may be made, and the Committee is directed to undertake the selection of a candidate, the procedure shall be as follows:
 - (a) By April 15, the Chair of the Committee shall send to each member the names of those living candidates then on the Active List as mentioned under Rule 9e, and shall invite further nominations from the members of the Committee. Such nominations should be in the hands of the Chair by May 15, and shall be accompanied by a memorandum giving a full and complete statement of the reasons for proposing the candidate, with a record of their professional and industrial achievements in sufficient detail to enable the Committee to pass judgment on the candidate's worthiness to receive the award.
 - (b) By June 15, the Chair of the Committee shall have sent to each member a list of all eligible candidates, together with the names of the proposers, and the detailed professional and industrial records of the candidates. Each member will be asked for a letter ballot to be in the hands of the Chair not later than July 1 indicating their preference of the names submitted. If any candidate receives two-thirds of the votes of the entire Committee, they shall be considered formally selected.
 - (c) If an Award Committee member is nominated to receive a specific AIME Major Award, while holding office on the Committee which administers that Award, he shall either resign from the Committee or remove his name from further consideration for the Award until his term on the Committee has expired. It shall be the responsibility of the Award Committee Chair to implement this policy and, in case of resignation of a Committee member, to make recommendation to the SME President for appointment of a replacement.

- (d) In the event no candidate receives said two-thirds vote, the Chair shall send to each member of the Committee a list of the candidates who received one or more votes in the first letter ballot. In the event no candidate receives two-thirds vote in the second ballot, the Chair shall send to each member of the Committee a list of the candidates who received two or more votes on the second ballot. In the event no candidate receives two-thirds vote in the third ballot, the Chair shall send to each member of the Committee a list of the candidates who received three or more votes in the third ballot. If no candidate receives a two-thirds vote in the fourth and final ballot, no award shall be made for the current year, nor shall any award be made in the current year if at the end of voting on the second or third ballot only one candidate remains for the following ballot.
 - (e) The unsuccessful candidates shall constitute an Active List, but after being considered by three committees of award, a candidate will be dropped from the list. This however, does not make them ineligible for renomination.
 - (f) If a candidate is selected, the Chair of the Committee shall prepare a citation, not exceeding 25 words, and shall submit the name of the candidate with the citation to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee for its consideration in the Fall.
10. After the Committee has made its selection, and not later than two weeks prior to the submission of its report to the Directors, the records of the candidates shall be deposited with the SME Executive Director, who shall act as custodian of the same until the appointment and confirmation of the new Chair. In the interim, such records shall be accessible to the members of the Committee, and of the Board of Directors. The records will be preserved for a period of three years at the expiration of which they will be destroyed.
11. The Award Committee shall have power to decide any questions not specifically covered by these Rules.