

Tire Society Distinguished Achievement Award – Charter

Background

According to Article II, “Purpose and Scope” of the constitution of the Tire Society “*The object of this Society shall be to increase and disseminate knowledge of the science and technology of tires. The object of the Society shall be promoted through one or more of the following activities: ... (c) other appropriate means.*”

To both help disseminate knowledge of tire science and to promote the Society’s activities the Society may award a prize to an individual who makes a substantial contribution to the science and technology of tires. To further these objectives an award to honor technical achievement is established.

Name of Award

The Executive Committee of the Tire Society based on a majority vote has adopted the “Tire Society Distinguished Achievement Award” as the name of this award.

Scope of Award

This award consists of an honorarium, a plaque, recognition in publications by the Tire Society, “Distinguished Membership” status in the Tire Society, and an invitation to speak at the Tire Society Conference with a limited travel stipend. This award may be issued on a biennial basis during years when Society elections do not occur. The amount of the honorarium and travel stipend will be established at the time of formation of the nominating committee, by action of the Executive Committee. A foundation, established by the Society, shall provide perpetual funding for the award.

Nomination Process

A nomination committee, appointed by the Society President, shall select potential candidates who need not be members of the Society. The nomination committee shall consist of five society members in good standing, including at least one member of the Executive Committee, who shall be chairperson. This committee shall solicit the membership of the Society for potential candidates. The nomination committee shall meet at least eight months before the annual meeting to review potential candidates. A nomination package consisting of a cover letter, letters of support, and a resume/CV including publications and patents shall be prepared for each candidate. The committee shall identify at least two suitable candidates for the award at least six months before the annual meeting. The chairperson of the nomination committee shall keep the executive committee informed of its work by issuing meeting minutes.

If no suitable candidates are found then the nomination process will be deferred for two years.

Selection Process

A separate selection committee, also appointed by the Society President, shall rank the candidates. Members of the nomination committee cannot be members of the selection committee. The selection committee shall consist of three society members in good standing, including at least one member of the Executive Committee, who shall be chairperson. The selection committee shall meet as soon as possible after the nomination committee has provided a final list of candidates for the award. The nomination committee shall complete ranking each of the candidates at least **four** months before the Society's annual meeting.

Award Acceptance

The highest ranking candidate shall be contacted by the selection committee chairperson promptly after the selection and at least four month prior to the Society's annual meeting about his/her ability to both receive the award and to give a presentation on a relevant topic during the Society's annual meeting. If the candidate cannot attend the meeting or the award is given posthumously, a suitable representative may be designated, who can receive the award and deliver the presentation.

If the highest ranking candidate or his/her representative is unable to accept the award under the aforementioned conditions, the second highest ranking candidate will be contacted. If none of the two highest ranking candidates or their representatives can accept the award then the selection process fails and the nomination and selection process will be deferred for two years.

Tire Society Distinguished Achievement Award Foundation

The Tire Society will establish the Tire Society Distinguished Achievement Award Foundation ("Foundation") with an initial grant of \$10,000. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide perpetual funding for the Society's Technical Achievement Award, including any tokens, such as a plaque or medal, and any honorariums or stipends for the recipient. The Society shall make efforts to increase the funding of the Foundation through donations from companies and individuals. The goal shall be to obtain enough funding for the award to be self sustaining. The Society Treasurer shall administer the fund and report regularly to the Executive Committee of the Tire Society on its status.

As of the establishment of this Foundation (2008), the honorarium is set at \$1000 - and the travel stipend is set as a maximum of \$500 - international awardees may receive a larger stipend. These amounts may be changed from time to time by action of the Executive Committee of the Tire Society.

Distinguished Membership Status

Through the adoption of this document the Tire Society shall establish a lifetime distinguished membership status in the Society. As part of the Tire Society Distinguished Achievement Award honorarium, this membership status shall allow the winner of the award to attend the annual meeting and banquet without charge and to have free limited access to the online version of the Tire Society Journal. This special membership status may be changed from time to time by action of the Executive Committee of the Tire Society.