

Awards AdHoc Committee

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Joe Fabrizio



AESS Awards AdHoc Committee

- I was charged to organize and lead an AdHoc committee to review all awards and associated policies.
- Committee: Joe Fabrizio, Chair; Bob Rassa, Marina Ruggieri, Dale Blair, Peter Willett, Alfonso Farina, Mike Wicks, Fulvio Gini, Erv Gangl.
- I organized and collected all the information related to each award. The committee reviewed the information, met to discuss, and now have the following recommendations:

- Each award committee should have a chair and four members, each member with a rotating 2-year term.

- Develop guiding principles for all awards:
 - Encourage the pursuit of excellence
 - Recognize the best candidate in a matter of integrity
 - Refrain from conflicts of interest, as that destroys the value of an award
 - Encourage transparency, as it is critical to the honor of the recipient

AESS Exceptional Service Award

- ACTION ITEM: Judy Scharmann – Add the AESS Exceptional Service Award to the TAB Awards Manual.
- While this award has typically gone to a BoG member, it was suggested that this be open to all AESS members, however, the nomination must come from a BoG member.

Robert T. Hill Best Dissertation Award



- The wording was recently changed from “the nominee should have been awarded the Ph.D. degree in the last 12 months prior to the nomination,” to “the last two years.”
- It is suggested that we change “prior to the nomination,” to “prior to the nomination deadline.”
- It is suggested to implement the rotating committee terms.

IEEE AESS Judith A. Resnick Space Award

- It is suggested to implement the rotating committee terms.



Pioneer Award

- It is suggested to implement the rotating committee terms.
- Remove NAECON from the Award Presentation section. Simply say, "AESS or IEEE Conference."



IEEE Dennis J. Picard Medal

- This is an IEEE-level award.

Outstanding Technical Panel of the Year Award

- Change the prize item from a plaque to a certificate.

Chapter of the Year Award

- Change the prize item from a plaque to a certificate.
- Remove NAECON from the Awards Presentation section.

AESS Outstanding Organizational Leadership Award



- Change \$1,500 for travel to \$1,000.
- It is suggested to implement the rotating committee terms.

Frank McGinnis Professional Achievement Award

- This is a conference award (AUTOTESTCON).
- The AUTOTESTCON Board of Directors has voted to suspend this award in 2018, and revisit this next year. Reason: lack of nominations, lack of knowledge of history of award.

Warren D. White Award

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- ACTION ITEM: Joe Fabrizio – Write to Chair, Dan Bliss about getting an official committee with rotating terms and post this on the website. Nothing is wrong with the process, we just need to know who the committee is for transparency.



The committee is commended for this wording: “In the case of conflict of interest, the committee member is asked to recuse themselves. If the number of recused committee members affects the validity of selection, then additional committee members may be recruited.”

M. Barry Carlton Award

- This is a Publications Award (Transactions).
- The evaluation committee consists of T-AES EIC, T-AES Associate EICs, T-AES Emeritus EICs, and AESS VP Publications.

Harry Rowe Mimno Award

- This is a Publications Award (Magazine).
- Add "EIC" to the evaluation committee, making the committee the Magazine EIC, VP Pubs, and the Magazine Associate EIC.
- Change "Authors of paper published.....during the previous fiscal year." to "calendar year."

Fred Nathanson Memorial Radar Award

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Richard B. Kershner Award

- This is a Conference Award (PLANS).

Walter R. Fried “PLANS” Best Paper Award in Navigation

- This is a Conference Award (PLANS).

Future Goals of the Awards AdHoc

- Appoint a new chair of the committee for 2018.
- Develop an Awards Calendar.
- Review methods and frequency of advertising our awards.
- Review all details of each award, including criteria for judging for each individual award.
 - In 2018, take one award per month and drill down to all details. Make sure all awards are as they should be. Make changes as necessary with process, reporting, advertising, interface with IEEE...all details.