

Overview

The Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal Award (Rand Award) recognizes distinguished achievement in mining administration, regarding mining in its broad sense to include metallurgy and petroleum.

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies, but preference is given to members. If a committee member is nominated, they will either find a replacement committee member so that they can resign for the year or remove their nomination until their term is up. Candidate must be living or passed away prior to May 1st of the nomination year.

No AIME Major Award winner is eligible to be nominated for another AIME Major Award until 9 years shall have elapsed, and the nomination support package shall conspicuously reference work in a new field or significant new accomplishments in the field for which the original award was made. (The AIME Major Awards are the Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal, Robert Earl McConnell Award, James Douglas Gold Medal, Hal Williams Hardinge Award, Erskine Ramsay Medal, Robert H. Richards Award, William Lawrence Saunders Gold Medal, Benjamin F. Fairless Award and Anthony F. Lucas Gold Medal.)

AIME Board members are exempt from receiving AIME awards.

The award was established by AIME in 1932 in memory of Charles Frederic Rand, who came into mining from railroad work as President and General Manager of the Aurora, Ashland, Atlantic, Iron Belt, Superior, Palms, and Comet iron mining companies, representing the Rockefeller interests, in 1896. Mr. Rand served as President of AIME in 1913 and as Treasurer from 1922-27. In 2011, AIME transitioned this award to SME.

Timeline

The Rand Award typically 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 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).

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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 in accordance with the guidelines provided on the award nomination form, which may be downloaded here: <http://www.smenet.org/awards/>

Administration	The award will be administered by a committee of the most recent five SME past-presidents. The chair of the committee shall be the most recent past-president.
Selection of Recipients	Recipients of the Rand Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Committee of the Award, subject to the approval the SME Board of Directors. The Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.
Award	The Charles F. Rand Memorial Gold Medal Award shall consist of a 3-1/4" x 2-1/2" gold-plated medal bearing the likeness of Charles F. Rand, and on which the recipient's name and year of award are inscribed. Also, a certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement upon which the award is based.
Presentation of the Award	The Award will be presented at SME's Annual Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with SME's Annual Meeting.
Funding	All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in each cycle.
Amendments	These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the SME Board of Directors and AIME Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.
Questions	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator, SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4208 E-mail: awards@smenet.org
