

Overview

The Mineral Economics Award is given to recognize distinguished contributions to the advancement of mineral economics. There are no eligibility limitations regarding nationality or membership in the society, though preference is given to society members. All candidates must be living at the time of selection.

The award was established by AIME in 1965 to recognize distinguished contributions to the advancement of mineral economics. In 2011, AIME transitioned this award to SME.

Timeline

The Mineral Economics 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 Mineral Economics 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).
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 Mineral Economics Award is jointly administered by the Coal & Energy, Industrial Minerals & Aggregates, and Mining & Exploration Divisions. The award committee is comprised of the chair and chair-elect of those divisions. Chair of the committee will rotate annually alphabetically between the divisions and will be the respective Division Chair, beginning with IM&AD in 2011.
Selection of Recipients	Recipients of the Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Committee of the Award, subject to the approval of 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 Mineral Economics Award shall consist of a certificate, framed or mounted on an 11" x 15" walnut board, bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement upon which the award is based.
Presentation of 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
