The 2018 Distinguished Member Award Nominating Committee, which includes 7 Divisional Representatives, the SME President and the SME President-elect (non-voting), will nominate the 2019 Distinguished Members. The Committee will act as a screening panel for the Distinguished Member Award nominations.

Each committee member assigns a score to each candidate on the basis of both their SME and industry contributions. Higher scores are given to candidates who have demonstrated significant, sustained and continual contributions to SME and the minerals industry. The following are guidelines for these scores:

SME Score:
- Outstanding service to SME may be to a section, a region, a technical division, committee, or as a representative of SME and the industry to the public.
- Points of consideration for SME contributions:
  - developed and initiated new programs
  - provided consistent leadership
  - consistently served as contributing member

Industry Score:
- Outstanding contributions to the industry may be as a leader in exploration, production, manufacturing, environment, basic sciences, and engineering.
- These contributions can be evidenced by one of several means:
  - the publication of articles and books of merit on work supervised or done by the nominee
  - the granting of patents on scientific and technical developments in materials, process methods or equipment in professional activities encompassed by SME
  - direction of important research or engineering work through educational activities
  - responsibility through management for nationally known improvements and developments in his or her field
  - provided leadership through management or business practices that enhanced and advanced the industry as a whole

Please return your scores to Carol Kiser at SME Headquarters by Friday, January 27, 2019.

At the meeting, the committee will discuss the candidates with the highest scores and each committee member will then assign another score of 1-10 to candidates with the top scores. The scores for each candidate will be averaged and added to their preliminary scores to give a final score. The recipients will typically be those with the highest scores. The committee may select 4 (or fewer) members to be elevated to the class of Distinguished Member, in addition to the automatic election of the Past President. The committee’s selection of nominees will be submitted to the SME Board of Directors for approval.

SME Distinguished Members are restricted to 1.8% of the individual membership.

- 12/31/16 individual membership = 14,757 (1.8% = 266)
- 01/10/18 current Distinguished Members (includes 2018 incoming Distinguished Members) = 120

A candidate for Distinguished Member must have been a full member of SME for at least 15 years. Members receiving this award must attend the annual meeting to accept the honor at the SME Dinner. All nominees are considered by three consecutive nominating committees before their papers are destroyed.

Please be sure to bring this binder with you to the meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.