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JAMES DOUGLAS GOLD MEDAL

Recognition

Distinguished achievement in non-ferrous metallurgy.

Established

In 1992 in memory of James Douglas, industrialist, mining and metallurgical engineer, inventor of metallurgical equipment, author, and founder of the Phelps Dodge Corporation. He was the donor of the AIME James Douglas Library Fund, the income of which is specifically earmarked for the support of the Engineering Societies Library, situated in the United Engineering Center in New York City. Dr. Douglas served as President of AIME and 1899 and 1900 and was an Honorary Member of the Institute.

The Award Fund

Established by a gift from an anonymous donor. In 1953 the principal of the fund was increased substantially by a gift from Phelps Dodge Corporation; in 1973 a contribution to the fund was received from Dr. Douglas' grandson, L. W. Douglas.

The Award

A 2 3/4" gold-plated medal bearing the likeness of James Douglas and on which the recipient's name and year of presentation are inscribed and a framed certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement.

Administration of the Award

The Douglas Award is administered jointly by SME (MPD) and TMS (EPD), with each society taking the lead role on alternating years (SME even years; TMS odd years) via an agreed to process documented on their websites to include nomination, selection, notification, production, and presentation. If a suitable recipient is not found or the committee cannot agree, no award should be conferred.

Eligibility/Nominations/Application

Available to SME and TMS members only. 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 follow any recusal (or other) procedures that their Member Society employs. The recipient must have been living when they were selected. AIME current Trustees are ineligible to receive AIME awards, except the Presidential Citation or if nominated and selected for another award prior to starting their AIME Board service.

AIME Member Societies

Society for Mining,
Metallurgy, and Exploration
Englewood, CO

The Minerals, Metals,
& Materials Society
Pittsburgh, PA

Association for Iron
& Steel Technology
Warrendale, PA

Society of
Petroleum Engineers
Richardson, TX

Ratification and Communication

Member Society staff will share selected recipient details with AIME staff as soon as a decision is made for notification to the AIME Board at its annual meeting and promotion on the AIME website. Recipients will be recognized in their Member Society publication, e-News and/or website.

Presentation

At recipient(s)' Society annual banquet the following year by an AIME Trustee and recognized as an AIME award in related promotional material. Non-members can designate to receive the award at a specific Member Society function or just have it sent to them.

Follow-up

Unsuccessful nominations are considered the subsequent two years at most and then need to be resubmitted.