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ROBERT EARLL MCCONNELL AWARD

Recognition

The Robert Earll McConnell Award was established by AIME in 1968 to recognize beneficial service to mankind by engineers through significant contributions that tend to advance a nation's standard of living or replenish its natural resource base. Such significant contribution may be represented by discovery of a major source of mineral supply, or by development of an engineering process to extend present minerals supplies, or by other outstanding engineering contributions that enhance the standard of living.

Established

In 1968 as the Engineering Achievement Award and renamed in memory of Robert Earll McDonnell following his death in 1971. Mr. McConnell was a prominent mining engineer and financier. He studied at the Columbia University School of Mines and began his career with the Chino Copper Company. He worked as a mining engineer for Seeley W. Mudd and during World War I was a Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.F., identified with the Fixed Nitrogen Program. In subsequent years, he was associated with Partner, Foster, McConnell (members of the New York Stock Exchange), was President and Director of Mayflower Associates, Inc. (Investment Trust), President and Director of the Pilgrim Exploration Company (Oil Production), Chairman of the Board and President of General Aniline and Film Corporation after it was taken over by the government in World War II, and Chairman and Trustee of the Robert Earll McConnell Foundation. He served the government in various advisory capacities. Mr. McConnell was a member of AIME for fifty-five years.

The Award Fund

Established by a gift from the Robert Earll McConnell Foundation.

The Award

A cast bronze three dimensional, 10" vertical design of the AIME symbol, mounted on a walnut base to which is affixed a bronze plate on which the recipient's name and year and a citation honoring service or achievement are inscribed.

Administration of the Award

Administered by AIME Member Societies separately via their individual processes 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.

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

Eligibility/Nominations/Application

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.

Ratification and Communication

Member Society staff will share selected recipient details with AIME staff as soon as a decision is made for approval by 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.