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## AIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

### ***Recognition/Established***

Established in 1872 and bestowed in appreciation of outstanding service to the Institute or in recognition of distinguished scientific or engineering achievement in the fields embracing, broadly speaking, the activities of the Institute.

### ***The Award Fund***

All expenses incurred in respect of the award are paid from the AIME Strategic Initiatives budget.

### ***The Award***

The three-inch silver medallion, hung from a blue and white ribbon, bears the Institute insignia and the recipient's name and year of presentation. A shadowbox frame with recipient on an engraved nameplate is provided for display of the medallion. The medallions can also be worn by Honorary Members at appropriate functions, such as the annual banquet. The framed certificate bears a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement. Each recipient is also given a lapel pin, which is a replica of the Medallion.

### ***Administration of the Award***

AIME Staff notifies Member Societies of vacancies by May 1 (1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of membership can be AIME Honorary Members). The AIME Board voted in 2022 that each year a Society may nominate at least two candidates. Additional nominations may be made according to the following schedule:

Number of Vacancies <u>After Nominating Two</u>	Permissible Number <u>of Additional Nominations</u>
1 to 10	1
11 to 20	2
21 and over	3

Vacancies caused by the deaths of incumbent Honorary Members will be treated no differently than vacancies caused by member growth.

In November 2004, the AIME Board approved an Emeritus status for Honorary Members of 10 years or more that are age 80 or over. This eliminates the need for the sometimes difficult task of tracking older members and possibly allows for additional vacancies to open up sooner to the Member Societies. In August 2012, the AIME Board voted to allow SPE 3 additional nominations per year to catch up to their # allowed. By 2020, this was achieved, so additional nominations to SPE were no longer needed. In August 2022, the AIME Board voted to allow 2 nominations per Member Society moving forward.

#### 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

Once vacancies are received, the process is administered by AIME Member Societies separately to include nomination, selection, notification, production, and presentation.

### ***Eligibility***

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies. 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. Candidates for Honorary Membership are generally outstanding in their respective fields and/or performed unusual service to the Institute and/or held some official position of service to the profession. Outstanding is defined as distinguished scientific or engineering achievements. If a suitable recipient is not found or the committee cannot agree, no award should be conferred.

### ***Nominations/Application***

Nominations from the general membership should go to the Society's Executive Director for consideration by the Member Society Board.

### ***Voting***

At Society Board meeting.

### ***Decision and Communication***

Member Society staff communicates decision to the AIME Executive Director providing a photo, bio, and citation for the recipient prior (typically July 15th) to the AIME annual summer Board meeting for use there and 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 (except SPE administered awards, which are presented in the same year that the nominations are received) 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. AIME staff orders new awards inventory in bulk as necessary. AIME contractors/vendors produce the engraved medal, certificate, and shadow box and Denver vendor ships to Member Society awards staff. AIME staff ships Honorary Member pins to Member Society awards staff as well.