



The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical & Petroleum Engineers

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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

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 either find a replacement committee member so that they can resign for the year or remove their nomination until their term is up. Candidate must be living or passed away prior to May 1st of the nomination year.

AIME Major Awards Only

No AIME Major Award winner is eligible to be nominated for another AIME Major Award until 9 years shall have elapsed, and the nomination support package shall conspicuously reference work in a new field or significant new accomplishments in the field for which the original award was made.

AIME Member Societies

Society for Mining,
Metallurgy, and Exploration
Englewood, CO

The Minerals, Metals,
& Materials Society
Warrendale, PA

Association for Iron
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Nominations/Application

AIME Major Awards Only

Member Society staff checks nominee names on the AIME website to ensure no overlap with past recipients. This can be done by entering nominee names in the Search box in the upper right corner of the AIME website.

Ratification and Communication

Member Society staff will share selected recipient details with AIME staff as soon as a decision is made for ratification by the AIME Board at its next meeting. AIME Staff informs Member Society staff so that Member Society staff can notify recipient. Recipients will be recognized in their Member Society publication, e-News and/or website.

AIME Major Awards Only

AIME Staff will post recipient names, years, citations, photos, and bios on the AIME 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.

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