

GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Copper Medals

1.0 THE MEDALS AND THEIR PRESENTATION

1.1 The Association of Applied Geochemists (AAG) inaugurated two (2) medals to be awarded to worthy and deserving persons in accordance with the guidelines set out below. A full discussion of the history of the medals and the guidelines for awarding them is presented in EXPLORE 75, April 1992.

1.2 The medals are of a design approved by the Council of the Association. They are referred to as the "GOLD MEDAL" and the "SILVER MEDAL".

1.3 The Gold Medal, to be awarded to a person for outstanding scientific achievement in applied geochemistry, will be engraved with the name of the recipient and the year of the award.

1.4 The Silver Medal, to be awarded to a member of the Association of Applied Geochemists for dedicated service to the Association, will be engraved with the name of the recipient and the year of the award.

1.5 Both the Gold Medal and the Silver Medal will be presented by the President of the Association at the first International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS) following endorsement of nominations.

1.6 The award citations for both the Gold Medal and the Silver Medal shall be prepared by the President from information provided by the Awards and Medals Committee.

1.7 The award citations for each medal and the acceptance speeches of the recipients will be included in full in the first issue of the Association newsletter, EXPLORE, published following the IAGS at which the awards are presented.

1.8 The Secretary of the Association will issue a press release at the time of the awards naming the recipients and a description of the services and/or scientific achievements for which they are honoured. The press release will be prepared by the Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee, and will be delivered to appropriate newspapers, journals (e.g. EXPLORE, ELEMENTS), and societies around the world.

1.9 The Gold and Silver Medals are intended to recognize living scientists and are not generally presented as posthumous awards.

- 1.10 The AAG also awards annually the Cameron-Hall Copper Medal to the lead author for an outstanding scientific publication in Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis (GEEA). The winner of this award is selected by the GEEA Editorial Board.
- 1.11 This annual medal will be presented to the deserving recipient at the AAG's International Applied Geochemistry Symposium. The Cameron-Hall Copper Medal is named in honour of two prominent and highly published AAG members and past editors of GEEA, Eion Cameron and Gwendy Hall. Both are the only AAG Gold and Silver Medal dual awardees since the association formed nearly 50 years ago.
- 1.12 As part of this award, the AAG and the Geological Society of London will cover the cost of perpetual 'free access to the publication in the Lyell Collection'. The AAG will provide travel support for one of the co-authors to attend the next IAGS to accept the award.

2.0 THE AWARDS AND MEDALS COMMITTEE

2.1 The immediate Past President of the Association will be the Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee. He or she will select either three (3) or four (4) other Voting Members for the Committee, all of whom must be Fellows of the Association. Following selection, the composition of the committee will be endorsed by the Council. Consideration should be given to Past Presidents, Councillors and Regional Councillors of the Association as suitable Committee members.

2.2 The Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee for each year will assume his or her responsibilities immediately following the end of his or her term as President of the Association. He or she will serve as Chairman of the committee for a two (2) year period.

2.3 The Awards and Medals Committee will be responsible for soliciting nominations for both the Gold Medal and the Silver Medal through notices in EXPLORE, other newsletters, and other appropriate procedures, including the Association's website.

3.0 NOMINATIONS

3.1 To be eligible for consideration for either award, nominations must be received by the Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee on or before December 1st of any year.

3.2 For acceptance by the Awards and Medals Committee, nominations must be signed by a minimum of four (4) Fellows (voting members) of the Association in good standing. Nominations should include:

- (a) A one-page recommendation from each of the four nominators;
- (b) A resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee;

(c) An itemized list of the outstanding scientific achievements (Gold Medal) or the dedicated service to the Association (Silver Medal) of the nominee (maximum two pages).

Since members of the Awards Committee may not have personal knowledge of the nominee, the completeness and quality of the nomination will be critical in terms of evaluation and selection.

3.3 The Awards and Medals Committee will review all nominations and the Chairman of the committee will report the committee's selection for each award to the Council at the first Council Meeting in the year following the nomination(s). The Committee, in its judgement, may elect not to select any of the nominees entered for consideration and not more than one Gold Medal and one Silver Medal will be awarded in any one year. Council will confirm the Committee's selections by majority vote.

Nominations for any calendar year should be sent before 1 December of that year to the Chairman of the AAG Awards & Medals Committee. This position is held by the immediate Past President.

Honorary Fellow

According to the AAG Bylaws, an Honorary Fellow shall have made a distinguished contribution to applied geochemistry that warrants exceptional recognition. An Honorary Fellowship is the highest form of recognition bestowed by the association.

AAG Council has endorsed criteria and process for conferring of Honorary Fellow status and agreed that the number of Honorary Fellows is capped at 5% of AAG Fellows. The criteria span a broad involvement in generating and disseminating applied geochemical research at a high level, and a long commitment to the AAG. The process for nomination is similar to that for AAG Silver and Gold medal nominees.

Criteria

- Lengthy and consistent contribution to applied geochemistry as demonstrated by publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals. Involvement in publication of applied geochemistry (peer reviewing of scientific papers, service on editorial boards)
- Demonstrated contribution to the dissemination of applied geochemistry (presentation of papers at conferences, organization/presentation at workshops at seminars, mentoring/supervision, membership of national and international geochemical committees etc.)
- Longevity of membership to the AAG, and evidence of supporting and growing the association (e.g. office bearing, involvement in symposia organization, publication production, mentoring)

Process

- A minimum of three Fellows is required to propose a Fellow for Honorary Fellow status.
- The proposal must address the Criteria above and be a maximum of three pages.
- Each proposal is submitted to AAG's Awards and Medals Committee, who independently assess applications.
- The independent assessments are sent in confidence to AAG's Secretary, who collates all the submission material (i.e. nomination, assessments, recommendations), and presents them to Council for their decision. A unanimous endorsement by Council of the nomination is required to achieve Honorary Fellow status.