

Association of Ohio Pedologists

Awards Committee

Description of Responsibilities

The Awards Committee is a standing Committee provided by Article VII, Section 2 of the Association of Ohio Pedologists Constitution.

The Awards Committee should consist of 3 to 5 members selected by the President-Elect, with the Chairman appointed by the President-Elect and announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Committee will solicit nominations from the membership for each of the awards (Honorary Membership, Distinguished Service Award, Pedologist Merit Award, and Golden Clod Award). The deadline to receive Award Nomination Forms is 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Awards Committee will review the nominations and select the most worthy award candidates. [One or more recipient(s) for each award annually, providing a suitable candidate(s) is nominated.]

The Awards Committee Chairman will submit the names of selected nominees on AOP letterhead to the President for review by the Executive Council with a recommendation for approval of the selected candidates. In the case of equally qualified and deserving nominees, the Executive Council may approve more than one recipient in any category.

After being notified of approval of nominees by the Executive Council, the Awards Committee will arrange for preparations of plaques, trophies and certificates. They will organize the presentation of the awards at the Annual Meeting. Awards that cannot be presented to recipients at the Annual Meeting will be made at the earliest appropriate occasion after the Annual Meeting. In the case of awards to non-members, the award may be made at another time, if appropriate.

The Awards Committee will also provide the Certificates of Appreciation and the Membership Certificates for the Association.

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AWARDS CRITERIA

AWARD CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY	AWARD EMBLEM	PURPOSE
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERS or NON-MEMBERS	PLAQUE	To recognize highly regarded persons for service and dedication to soil science.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD	NON-MEMBERS	PLAQUES, CERTIFICATES	To recognize exceptional contributions to AOP, the soil survey program or soil science.
PEDOLOGIST MERIT AWARD	MEMBERS	CERTIFICATE	To recognize outstanding accomplishments compatible with AOP objectives.
GOLDEN CLOD AWARD	MEMBERS	TROPHY	To recognize unusual or unexpected accomplishments in a humorous way.
CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION	OUTGOING - EDITOR, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN CERTIFICATION BOARD MEMBERS	CERTIFICATE	To recognize faithful execution of their responsibilities for their elected or appointed terms for serving AOP.
CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION	MEMBERS and NON-MEMBERS	CERTIFICATE	To recognize meritorious effort or accomplishment to further the interest of soil science or AOP.
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES	ALL MEMBERS	CERTIFICATE	To recognize Association members by appropriate category of membership.

CRITERIA for HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Honorary Membership Award is bestowed upon persons who are highly regarded for their demonstrated service and dedication to pedology in accordance with the objectives of the Association.

A. Eligibility:

- 1. Nominees may be members of the Association or non-members selected to be honored by the Association.***
- 2. The nominee has demonstrated commendable service and dedication to pedology.***
- 3. Five or more members of the Association must nominate a candidate to be considered for Honorary Membership.***
- 4. The Executive Council will review the nomination and, if approved by a majority vote, the nomination will be presented to the membership for a confirmation vote.***
- 5. The nomination must be confirmed with a 2/3 approval of the membership vote.***

B. Award:

- 1. Emblem of award - Plaque***
- 2. Term of award - An Honorary Member shall be elected for life unless revoked by a 2/3 vote of the membership for just and sufficient cause.***

Initial nominations are made to the Awards Committee Chairman on Awards Nomination Forms. A minimum nomination must be made by five Association members for a nominee to be recommended by the Awards Chairman to the Executive Council. Nominations must be received by the Awards Committee Chairman not later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman will present a written nomination on AOP letterhead to the President for Executive Council review. If approved by the Executive Council, the nomination will be made at the next regular or special meeting of the Association.

If the nominee is approved by a 2/3 vote of a legal quorum, the Awards Committee will prepare the award plaque. The Secretary-Treasurer will issue the membership.

CRITERIA for DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is an external award presented to individuals outside the Association who have made special contributions or achievements compatible with the objectives of the Association.

A. Eligibility:

- 1. The nominee is a non-member of the Association at the time of nomination.***
- 2. The nominee has made special contributions or significant achievements compatible with the objectives of the Association.***
- 3. The nominee must be nominated by an AOP member, recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Council to be awarded the Pedologist Merit Award.***

B. Award:

- 1. Emblem of award - Certificate, and/or plaque.***

When appropriate, awards will be made annually and announced at the Annual Meeting.

Initial nominations must be made in writing by AOP members on Awards Nomination Forms. Nominations must be received by the Awards Committee Chairman not later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Awards Committee will review and select the most worthy nominees. The Chairman of the Awards Committee will submit the names of selected individuals to the President on AOP letterhead so that they can be reviewed by the Executive Council.

Types of awards as well as the time, location, and occasion of the award presentation will be recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Council. If the award cannot be presented at the Annual Meeting, the AOP Presenter should also be identified.

If the nomination(s) is approved by the Executive Council, the Awards Committee will prepare the appropriate award certificate and/or plaque. The award presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting or alternative occasion.

CRITERIA for PEDOLOGIST MERIT AWARD

The Pedologist Merit Award is an internal award presented to a member of the Association who has made special contributions to the Association, the soil survey program or pedology.

A. Eligibility:

- 1. The nominee must be a member of the Association in good standing.***
- 2. The nominee has made outstanding contributions to the Association objectives, the soil survey program or pedology.***
- 3. The nominee must be nominated by an AOP member, recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Council to be awarded the Pedologist Merit Award.***

B. Award:

- 1. Emblem of award - Certificate***

Initial nominations must be made in writing by AOP members on Awards Nomination Forms. Nominations must be received by the Awards Committee Chairman not later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Awards Committee will review and select the most worthy nominees. The Chairman of the Awards Committee will submit the names of selected individuals to the President on AOP letterhead so that they can be reviewed by the Executive Council.

If the nomination(s) is approved by the Executive Council, the Awards Committee will prepare the award certificate. The award presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting.

CRITERIA for GOLDEN CLOD AWARD

The Golden Clod Award is an internal award presented annually, as appropriate, to a member of the Association who has distinguished himself by accomplishing the unusual or unexpected.

A. Eligibility:

- 1. The nominee must be a member of the Association in good standing.***
- 2. The nominee was directly, or indirectly involved in a humorous incident in the past year.***
- 3. The nominee will not be caused undue embarrassment by the award.***
- 4. The nominee must be nominated by an AOP member, recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Council to be awarded the Golden Clod Award.***

B. Award:

- 1. Emblem of Award - Traveling trophy***

This award is meant to be "all-in-fun" and should not be presented as a "slap-in-the-face".

Awards will be made annually, when possible, and will consist of a traveling trophy depicting a golden clod. The trophy will accumulate mementoes depicting each incident that inspired the recognition. Selecting and attaching mementoes should be the responsibility of the current trophy-holder. The trophy will be passed from the current trophy-holder to the next recipient.

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The Awards Committee will review and select the most worthy nominees. The Chairman of the Awards Committee will submit the names of selected individuals to the President on AOP letterhead so that they can be reviewed by the Executive Council.

If the nomination(s) is approved by the Executive Council, the Awards Committee will notify the current trophy-holder of the next recipient and the circumstances being recognized. The award presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting.

CRITERIA for CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION

The Certificate of Appreciation is recognition presented to the recipient at the conclusion of his/her elected or appointed assignment as Secretary, Treasurer, editor, committee chairman, Certification Board member, etc. for diligently executing the charges given him/her.

A. Eligibility:

- 1. The person has faithfully served AOP as Secretary, Treasurer, editor, chairman etc. for the minimum of a full term.**
- 2. The person has maintained good standing throughout the term of service.**

B. Award:

- 1. Emblem of award - Certificate**

This award is a formal 'Thank You' for the leadership/service efforts given in behalf of furthering the objectives of the Association during tenure. Nominations are considered 'automatic' for editors and chairmen of committees.

The Chairman of the Awards Committee will submit the names of eligible recipients to the President on AOP letterhead so that they can be reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

After being notified of approval by the Executive Council, the Awards Committee will prepare the award certificate. The award presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting.

