

## **S402 SSSA HONORARY MEMBER AND PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE**

### A. Status: Special Committee

### B. Composition and Tenure:

The three-member selection committee for these two awards is composed of the three members of the Executive Committee. The President of the Society chairs the committee.

### C. Honorary Member Procedure:

1. Duties of the Chair: (A) To receive, at the appropriate time, all nominations for this award from the Society Awards Chair, and in turn, to distribute the nominations to the committee members; (B) to advise all committee members of the scoring or ranking procedure to be followed and to relay any other special instructions to the committee; (C) to present the award at the awards presentation function; (D) to activate and work with the committee on any special charges sent to the committee by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee; and (E) to prepare the annual report of the committee.
2. Description of Award: The philosophy and purpose behind the Honorary Member of SSSA Award is to recognize outstanding service to soil science by a distinguished nonmember. The award consists of a certificate.
3. Award Criteria: The focus is on outstanding service to soil science, scientifically, legislatively, or in any other form, to enhance the science for the benefit of mankind. To receive Honorary Membership, a nominee must receive a two-thirds affirmative vote of the SSSA Board of Directors.
4. Format for Nominations: A format guide, approved by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, is issued each year. The Chair and committee members shall receive a copy of this guide.
5. Eligibility of Nominations: Nominations for this award are accepted from any active members of the Society. The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may nominate an individual(s).
6. Eligibility of Nominees: Nominees may not be members of the Society.
7. Team Nominations: Teams are not eligible to receive Honorary Membership.
8. Scoring or Ranking Procedure: Nominations are ranked by all committee members, with one being first, and summarized by the Chair. A maximum of two nominations may be selected and submitted to the Board of Directors. A copy of the nomination for each candidate submitted to the Board shall accompany the ballot to the Board. The award need not be presented in a given year if it is judged by the selection committee and/or Board of Directors, that nominees do not meet the criteria.
9. Revising Guidelines or Procedures: The Award Committee may recommend changes or revisions relative to criteria, description, selection process of recipients, etc., for this award. All recommendations must be approved by the SSSA Board of Directors or Executive Committee before said recommendations may be implemented. Recommendations may be submitted through the President or directly to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

#### D. SSSA Presidential Award Criteria

1. This award is given to persons who have influenced soil science or the practice of soil science so greatly that the impact of their efforts will be enduring on the future of our science and/or profession. Their work may have influenced any aspect of soil science in the agricultural, environmental and social fields as a researcher, educator or practitioner; but the fundamental criterion is that their influence be such a lasting and important one in soil science that their impact will be long lasting.
2. The recipient receives full travel reimbursement and registration to attend the Annual Meetings, a plaque and an article in CSA News that details the recipients contributions to soil science and the long lasting effect (s)he has had.
3. Membership in SSSA is not a requirement for eligibility; only outstanding service to the future of soil science is required.
4. The award can be given on an annual basis, but only given if there is an application that meets the criteria of lasting and important influence on soil science.