

Regional Awards Program Details

Award Types

REGIONAL TECHNICAL AWARDS (one each per region)

These awards acknowledge exceptional technical contributions at the section or regional level and recognize singular devotion of time and effort to the programs and development of technical expertise in one of the following eight categories. Technical awards may not be presented for service contributions. Only one award is available per category.

- Completions Optimization and Technology
- Data Science and Engineering Analytics
- Drilling Engineering
- Formation Evaluation
- Health, Safety and Environment
- Management
- Production and Operations
- Projects, Facilities and Construction
- Reservoir Description and Dynamics
- Sustainability and Stewardship in the Oil and Gas Industry Award

See the online technical discipline taxonomy for specific subdisciplines: <https://petrowiki.spe.org/Taxonomy>

RDs may reach out to the Technical Director for guidance on specific technical discipline questions.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Regional Service (number varies by region size – see chart)

This award acknowledges exceptional contributions at the section or regional level and recognizes singular devotion of time and effort to the programs and development of the member's section and region.

Region Membership	Count of Regional Service Awards
Up to 2999	3
3000-4999	4
5000 -6999	5
7000 and Up	6

• REGIONAL YOUNG MEMBER OUTSTANDING SERVICE (2 per region)

This award primarily recognizes contributions and leadership to the public and the community, with respect to local custom, as well as to the Society, the profession, or the industry. Recipients must include a community service component independent of SPE and the industry. No award shall be presented solely based on a candidate's contribution to the Society, the profession of petroleum engineering, or the petroleum industry. Candidates must be 35 years or younger during the presentation year.

• REGIONAL DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT FOR PETROLEUM ENGINEERING FACULTY (1 per region)

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This award recognizes superiority in classroom teaching, excellence in research, significant contributions to the petroleum engineering profession and/or special effectiveness in advising and guiding students. Candidates must be a faculty member working at a university.

- **REGIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD (1 per region)**

This award recognizes distinguished public service to a country, state, community, or the public through excellence in leadership, service, or humanitarianism provided the service is above the requirements of employment and is therefore, not a compensated activity.

- **REGIONAL DISTINGUISHED CORPORATE SUPPORT (1 per region)**

This award recognizes outstanding support by an organization and distinguished service to SPE members in the region through excellence in leadership and through the commitment of time, energy and professional resources. The award recognizes companies in the region that contribute to support SPE membership, programs, and events. The award may not be presented solely for financial assistance.

PROGRAM DETAILS

To qualify the nominees must:

- Be a paid, professional member. Nonmembers and past members are not eligible.
- Be a living person on 1 January of the year of presentation.
 - a. Deceased members may not be nominated for SPE Awards.
 - b. If an already nominated candidate passes away after 1 January, and the candidate is subsequently elected, the RD may present the award posthumously.
 - c. Posthumous award presentations are otherwise prohibited.
- Have been residing in the region for at least 7 months
- Not have served as an officer or director of SPE International within 24 months of award
- Not be an Honorary Member
- Not be a recipient of International Award equivalent or any SPE major award
- Not be a recipient of this same award in the region in the last 5 years (except Corporate Award: no waiting period)
- Comply with the SPE sanction policy
- Be nominated by someone else (self-nominations are not eligible)

SELECTION PROCESS

- Staff may assist the Regional Director in assembling a selection committee meeting but cannot deliberate or vote.
- Regional Directors assemble a committee with a broad representation from the region
 - o Suggested committee size, based on number of nominations per region, is between 3 and 6.
 - o As a best practice, each person should not have more than 30 nominations to review
- To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, members who served on a nominating committee may not serve on a judging committee reviewing any of the nominations made by the nominating committee. They may serve on judging committees for other awards.
- Each nomination should be reviewed by at least 2-3 judges
- Second round: the judges are all assigned the top scoring candidates from the first round

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- Judges may not send surrogates who have not been appointed to the committee to represent them at award committee deliberations. If a judge cannot attend a deliberation meeting, they may
 - o share comments with the committee beforehand via email
 - o follow up afterward with the chair
 - o choose to offer a general proxy vote to the committee chair, or another member of his or her choice.
 - i. A proxy vote will count toward quorum.
 - ii. If the judge ultimately attends the meeting, the proxy is automatically revoked.
- Nominations and deliberations are confidential
- Judges who are nominated as candidates will recuse themselves from the selection committee
- RD may not approve the presentation of an award for a candidate who was not nominated for that award.
- RD may not recommend or approve a candidate for a different award than the one that the nominator nominated them for.
- RD may not present more awards than allotted for the region.
- Regional Director approves the final selection.
- Regional Director must approve recipients' transition to the international candidate pool.
- As the final approver, it is a conflict of interest for RDs to participate in committee deliberations.
- Final selections communicated to the Awards and Recognition Manager **by 15 May.**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

- Award Selection Committee members must be SPE members in good standing.
- Encourage nominations within their professional network
- Review and rate the nominations, understanding that each application requires about 30 minutes for review
- Know and understand the award criteria
- Ensure that recommended candidate exhibits truly outstanding achievement and fulfils the award requirements.
 - o Technical awards cannot be presented for service to SPE
 - o Service awards cannot be presented for technical accomplishments
 - o Public Service Awards cannot be not presented for service to SPE or the industry
- Participate in scheduled conference calls
- Deliberations are confidential. Committee members may not discuss the deliberation process outside the committee.