

**The Honors Committee is charged with the responsibility of receiving and evaluating nominations for national and international interdisciplinary awards and with making recommendations to Council.**

Guidelines and Standing Rules (SR) for Honors Committee, April, 1983.

- A. The Honors Committee should solicit nominations from the membership via the AAG Newsletter. (SR)
  
- B. Eligibility for Honors: (SR)
  - 1. Geographers resident in the United States must be AAG members to be eligible for consideration.
  
  - 2. Geographers resident outside of the United States are eligible for consideration.
  
  - 3. Persons from other disciplines or professions are eligible for consideration if they have made singular contributions to the field of geography.
  
  - 4. Posthumous awards should be given only in the instance when a nominee dies subsequent to the official nomination (i.e., after the Council meeting at which the nomination was presented and approved).
  
  - 5. Recipients of previous honors (Honorary President, Outstanding Achievement, Meritorious Contribution, etc.) shall be eligible for a second award, but the second award should be given for achievements since the first award.
  
  - 6. The Honors Committee should not discriminate in the selection of nominees on the basis of age, sex, race, or other characteristics unrelated to candidates' professional accomplishments. Outstanding contributions from all dimensions of professional geographic accomplishment are equally eligible for honor.
  
- C. The Honors Committee shall be composed of four regular members and one former awardee. Each shall serve a two-year term. Two regular members will rotate off each year and two new regular members will be elected. One former awardee will be elected every other year and rotate off after two years.
  
- D. Each successive Honors Committee is regarded as an autonomous decision-making body, charged with selecting outstanding nominees according to its best judgment. As a separately elected group, it is not bound by the deliberations of any preceding honors committee.
  
- E. The Honors Committee will be expected to present to Council: (SR)
  - 1. Nominees' vitae.

2. Suggested Honors Citation, limited to forty words or less.

3. Rationale for the award.

F. The following sequence of Honors Committee activities is recommended in order to assure careful deliberations and maximum participation by all committee members.

1. April, first year. Election of Honors Committee.

2. Automatic invitation for nominations appears in October and November AAG Newsletter.

3. December-March, first year. Receipt of nominations. Requests for and receipt of additional materials on nominees.

4. The committee chair is to acknowledge all nominations and inform nominators that they will be notified directly if their candidate for honors is selected.

5. In April of the second year, the Honors Committee will meet during the annual AAG meeting. It ascertains that year's award winners, either from the public award ceremony or from the Executive Director if the committee meets before the awards ceremony. *The committee will nominate no more than one individual or organization to receive honors in each of the following categories: Lifetime Career, Distinguished Scholarship, Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Service, and the Gilbert Grosvenor Geographic Education Honors. Fewer than five awards of honors may be made if the committee so wishes. In addition to Honors, the committee is encouraged to recommend a Publication Award and a Media Achievement Award each year.*

6. September 1, second year. Materials on each nominee are submitted to AAG Office.

7. Autumn, second year. Presentation of nominees to Council, and Council approval of Honors Awards.

8. April, end of third year. Presentation of Honors at annual meeting.

G. If at any time during this two year period a member of the Honors Committee is unwilling or unable to perform his or her duties, the Chair should request that individual to resign from the committee. The person receiving the next highest number of votes on the original election ballot will assume the committee vacancy. (SR)

H. All Honors Committee nominees' materials are to be placed in the Archives; committee written deliberations should be placed in the Archives with a restriction (25 years) and names of nominees are to be passed on to future committees. (SR)