

TAPPI DIVISION TECHNICAL AWARD

Name of Award

The official name of this honor is "The TAPPI _____Division Technical Award." A division whose award is accompanied by a cash honorarium may choose, however, to name its award after the individual or organization for which the honorarium was established. The recipient is presented with a specially designed lapel pin, and a plaque bearing the individual's name and the awarding Division's name.

Honorarium

A monetary stipend may be established to accompany this Division Award. It may be funded by the Division's annual conference or trade fair revenues, an endowment established by a sponsoring company or individual, or an annual gift from a company or individual. A cash honorarium funded by an endowment may be named for the sponsoring individual or company or a designated individual. When a cash honorarium is specifically designated for this Division Award, it cannot be used to accompany the other Division Award unless such use is approved by the sponsor. Cash honorariums, which are not specified, may be used to accompany either Division Award.

Purpose

The Division Technical Award is intended to recognize outstanding accomplishments or contributions, which have advanced the industry's technology in the awarding division's field of interest.

History

The TAPPI Board of Directors in 1965 approved in principle a program of supplemental awards to be granted by technical divisions. In 1966, the Board approved the Technical Operations Council's recommendations regarding the purpose, criteria, name, physical form of award, and administration of a system of division awards.

In 1971 the Board of Directors agreed that another purpose of the Division Technical Award should be to increase the enthusiasm of the division members for their TAPPI activities. It would be difficult to create this enthusiasm by honoring an individual who is no longer an active contributor. There could be exceptions, of course, but these should be outstanding individuals who by their example have had a major impact on the Association and the industry. The Association's intent is to recognize current accomplishments, and therefore the presentation of a Division Technical Award posthumously is discouraged.

Frequency

Each Division may make no more than one Division Technical Award per year and then only when an outstanding candidate is available. Shared awards are normally discouraged.

Nominee's Qualifications

The following criteria should be given primary consideration when selecting candidates for a Division Technical Award:

- ◆ The Division Technical Award should recognize an outstanding contribution to science or technology of the paper or related industries.

- ◆ The contribution in science or technology might be in technical reports, publications, task group reports, a monograph or part thereof, testing procedures, or Technical Information Sheets; or it might be in some related or comparable effort such as teaching, writing or editing a textbook.
- ◆ No award should be made unless it can be determined that the above qualifications have been met.
- ◆ Current Division officers, including the Immediate Past Chairman, and members of the Division Awards Committee are ineligible for this award.

Nominating Procedures

The screening of possible candidates, the collection of supporting evidence, the selection of the nominee, and the documentation of qualifications should be performed by the Awards committee of the sponsoring division. This committee may be elected or appointed, but in either case it should be representative of the total membership of the division; for example, it might consist of the current division chairman, a past division officer still active in TAPPI, and two or more members from the technical committees of the division.

This Division Awards Committee should entertain nominations from any TAPPI member, but should actively seek nominations from the committees within its own division. It may also develop its own list of candidates to supplement those received from other sources. The Division Awards Committee is responsible for preserving the stature of the Division Technical Award, and it should not recommend a recipient unless the qualifications completely meet the established criteria.

Posthumous awards should not be made. One exception to this is where the recipient died between the date of final approval by the Division Chairman and the Awarding date. In this case the award may be given posthumously.

To simplify and standardize the presentation of candidates' qualifications, all information concerning Division Technical Award nominees must be submitted in the form and under the subheadings shown below. The nomination form appears in the Honors Manual.

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- ◆ Name of Nominee and date of nomination.
- ◆ Personal Data, including vital statistics and education.
- ◆ Technical Contributions.

This is one of the most important parts of the nomination form and should contain a statement from the nominator and the division chairman or Awards chairman stating clearly the technical contributions of the individual and why they are significant to the industry. These contributions can include publications, conference papers, patents, speeches, panel participation, and test methods.

- ◆ Association Service, including participation in projects, activities, and committee memberships.
- ◆ Other activities, including teaching, consulting, government service, and membership in other associations.
- ◆ Professional Experience, including chronological listing of positions held.

Deadlines for Nominations

If, in the opinion of the Division Awards Committee, there is a suitable candidate for the Division Technical Award, the nomination should be transmitted with the necessary supporting evidence to the Division Chairman.

The Division Awards Committee should establish its own deadline for the receipt of nominations and should notify the Division's committee officers and other interested parties of the deadline date

Selection

- ◆ Review by the Division Awards Committee of nominations received.
- ◆ Submittal of a recommendation by the Division Awards Committee to the Division Chairman.
- ◆ The Division's Council or Steering Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting grant the Division Technical Award to the candidate proposed by the Division Awards Committee.
- ◆ Notification of the recipient of the Division Technical Award.
- ◆ Preparation of a presentation speech for the TAPPI President or designate and preparation of an acceptance speech.
- ◆ Entering names on the medal and the certificate presented to the recipient.
- ◆ Issuance of appropriate publicity by TAPPI headquarters.

It is estimated that the foregoing requirements can generally be satisfied if the deadline date for receipt of nominations by headquarters is set at least four months prior to the day on which the Award is to be presented.

Announcement

The person selected as a Division Technical Award recipient is notified as soon as possible, so that public announcement can be made at a favorable time.

Presentation

Presentation of a Division Technical Award is made by a member of the TAPPI Board of Directors.

All Divisions are urged to have their presentations made at a suitable functional conference, symposium, or comparable TAPPI meeting. When no suitable conference or meeting is available, the Division Awards Committee may request the TAPPI President make the presentation at the Annual Meeting. In such case, the TAPPI President will make the presentation at such time and in such manner as is deemed appropriate.

Contribution Data

Biographical data, lists, and tabulations are not adequate for accurate evaluation by the Board Nominating/Honors Committee. Sponsors should interpret the significance of the data to justify the nomination.

What are the special contributions of the nominee to the awarding division, which justify receipt of the Division Technical Award?

For example . . .

- ◆ Specifically, how were these contributions accomplished?
- ◆ What specific contributions to technical progress in the field of the awarding division has the nominee made?
- ◆ What new technology has resulted from these contributions?
- ◆ Have these contributions modified old technology? How?
- ◆ How have these contributions changed thinking about science and technology in the field of the awarding division?