

Criteria for the Distinguished Service Award

General Purpose of the Distinguished Service Award (consistent with the AASG Constitution)

To recognize those who have worked to advance the science and practical application of geology and the related earth sciences in the United States and its territories, possessions, and commonwealths.

To recognize those who have worked to improve the work of the State Geological Surveys through interchange of ideas pertaining to their administrative organization, programs, techniques, application to the needs of the changing economy, and other geological survey matters.

To recognize those who have worked to improve methods of assembling data and disseminating the results to industries, agriculture, schools, civic and professional organizations, legislators, governmental agencies, and the public.

To recognize those who have worked to achieve effective coordination of work with Federal and State agencies working in similar or related fields.

Also (*not in constitution*): To further camaraderie among the membership of AASG.

Restrictions for Receiving the Distinguished Service Award:

Recipients of the DSA shall be members of AASG (state geologist, honorary, or associate). Current officers of AASG are not eligible to receive this award.

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Nominees should be individuals who, in deed and action, reflect the importance of the ideals of AASG and who demonstrate pride in AASG's goals. These may include the following:

Extraordinary commitment, dedication and service that have significantly advanced AASG. "Service" may be defined as any activity furthering the goals of AASG (it need not be within the official framework of AASG).

Contributions to furthering AASG's goals, philosophies, etc., including the breadth and impact of their work .

Service to AASG on a broad basis and over an extended period of time.

Nomination Guidelines:

Nominations shall be consistent with the General Purpose and Criteria, listed above.

A call for nominations will be issued annually by the Internal and External Awards Committee, which shall collect nominations. Deadline for nominations is March 31, prior to the annual meeting each year.

Nominations should include pertinent and sufficiently detailed information concerning the specific AASG activities for which the award is being given.

Nominations shall be forwarded by the Internal and External Awards Committee to the Executive Committee not later than April 10. The Executive Committee shall evaluate them and make a determination of award not later than April 30.

The Executive Committee shall notify the Chair of the Internal and External Awards Committee of its decision(s) by May 5. The Chair will then notify the nominator(s) of those selected for the DSA to prepare and submit a citation for reading by the Chair or President at the annual AASG meeting. A paper certificate and a plaque shall be prepared for presentation at the annual AASG meeting.

Conferring the Distinguished Service Award

The DSA will normally be conferred by the President of AASG at the Annual meeting.

The DSA shall consist of a plaque, with a suitable inscription, signed by the President of AASG.