

CIM AWARDS

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District Distinguished Service Awards - Origin

The Institute, at the instigation of W.M. Gilchrist, President, 1974-75, has made available six District Distinguished Service Awards to recognize the contributions on a District level of those many Institute members who have contributed much to the development of the industry and the Institute at their local or Branch level. The honour takes the form of a suitably framed scroll, setting out the accomplishments of the individual to be honoured.

Conditions

1. The District Distinguished Service Awards are to be presented to Institute Members in each of the six geographical Districts described in the Institute By-Laws, in recognition of significant contribution to the mineral industry and the Institute in the area designated. The said contributions need not necessarily be of a particular or a special achievement or be related to a technical field of endeavour.
2. The awards are to be available for presentation yearly, or as conditions warrant.
3. Nominations for these awards shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. All nominations shall be accompanied by a description of the personal achievement of the nominee.
5. The District Awards Committee shall be chaired by the District Vice-President and include four Branch representatives from the District as members.
6. The District Awards Committee shall forward their nominations to CIM Council not later than the last Council Meeting held prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
7. No member of the District Awards Committee shall be party to the nomination of any candidate.
8. The Award shall be presented at the official District Annual Meeting, or at some especially arranged official ceremony in the District.
9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three (3) years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.
10. Nominees must be CIM Members, but not necessarily CIM National Members

CIM Fellowship - Origin

The CIM Fellowship award was established by CIM Council in November 1986 to recognize members who have distinguished themselves through outstanding contributions to the mining, metallurgical and petroleum industries. The award differs from existing CIM awards in that a larger number of members can be recognized – up to 10% of the membership can be CIM Fellows – and the recognition visibly continues after the time of presentation.

A CIM Fellow can place "FCIM" after his name when deemed appropriate.

The selection of CIM Fellowship award winners is under the auspices of the CIM President-Elect and recipients are chosen through a three-tier process designed to promote uniformity and fairness.

The Fellowship Award will consist of a certificate suitable for framing and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting or at an appropriate Society, Division, District or Branch meeting. The names of new Fellows will be announced in the CIM Bulletin.

With the Fellowship Award, the Institute will recognize many of its distinguished members for their achievements and contributions. Successful implementation will require the cooperation of members in each discipline represented by CIM and in all geographic regions of Canada.

Conditions

1. Candidates shall have a minimum of ten (10) years of current, continuous CIM National membership. The following criteria shall be considered in the selection of CIM Fellows:
 - a. Contributions to CIM.
 - b. Contributions to the mining, metallurgical and petroleum industry.
 - c. Contributions to society and mankind.
 - d. Contributions to education.
 - e. Special distinction (awards, honours previously received)
 - f. Other significant contributions.
2. The award shall be presented annually, and there may be more than one recipient.
3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. A citation not to exceed 30 words shall appear on the Nomination Form.
5. Completed nominations shall be forwarded to the appropriate technical Societies/Divisions where a Fellowship Committee, consisting of at least five (5) people, shall review the nomination and make recommendations to the CIM Fellowship Award Committee.

6. The CIM Fellowship Award Committee, chaired by the President-Elect and consisting of the Chairmen/Presidents of each Division/Society, shall review only nominations submitted on the official Nomination Form. Nominations will be submitted to CIM Council at a regular meeting for approval.

7. The members of the CIM Fellowship Award Committee shall not be party to the nomination of any candidate.

8. When reasonably possible, the recipients shall be expected to receive the award in person during the course of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute following the announcement of the award, or at an appropriate Society, Division, District or Branch meeting.

9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.

10. Nominees must be CIM National Members.

11. No posthumous Fellow nominations shall be considered.

12. Fellow membership for any individual shall not remain in effect unless his/her membership is in force.

Medal for Bravery - Origin

This medal, founded in 1933 by a Past President of the Institute, Everett Alfred Collins, donor of the medals and initial Chairman of the Medal for Bravery Committee, has become established as the Victoria Cross of the Institute. It recognizes great valour displayed by men of the minerals industries who knowingly risk their lives in attempting to rescue a fellow worker. Each recipient of the medal also receives an embossed citation of his heroic conduct.

Conditions

1. An award shall be made only in a case where a man knowingly risks his life in attempting to rescue a fellow worker. An award shall be made only for meritorious conduct reported during the calendar year preceding any Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
2. The Medal for Bravery Committee shall be free to recommend no award if the evidence submitted does not reveal an outstanding act of bravery. On the other hand, it may recommend two or more awards if and when justified.
3. The Committee shall bear in mind that the medal is for bravery in the mining industry of Canada and that any man employed in that industry is eligible.
4. Every report recommending an award of the medal shall be delivered to the CIM Executive Director and shall be accompanied by a report from the chief inspector of mines for the district or province in which the act of bravery was performed.
5. The Medal for Bravery Committee shall include: (a) a Chairman; (b) one (1) representative for each province or district, preferably a government official closely connected with the mining industry; and (c) a Screening Sub-committee of three (3), duly authorized to examine all reports and recommendations submitted to the CIM Executive Director and to determine whether each recommendation complies with the conditions of award.
6. The Screening Sub-committee shall return every report and its recommendations thereon to the CIM Executive Director, who shall then submit each such report and recommendation by letter-ballot for consideration by the other members of the Medal for Bravery Committee.
7. Through the CIM Bulletin, the Institute membership shall be advised annually of the availability of the medal and through which employers are urged to report outstanding acts of bravery.
8. When reasonably possible, the recipient shall be expected to receive the award in person during the course of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute following the announcement of the award, or at such time or place as CIM Council may direct.

CIM Distinguished Service Medal - Origin

This gold medal was inaugurated by the 1956-1957 CIM Council as an award for distinguished or meritorious service, to the Institute or the mineral industry, of a nature not necessarily technical or scientific.

It is patterned after the President's Medal, being the same size and design, consisting of a framed gold medal and a plaque featuring an inscription relating to the recipient signed by the CIM President.

Conditions

1. The medal is to be awarded for exceptional service to the Institute or industry.
2. The award may be presented from time to time as circumstances warrant, but not more than one award shall be made in any given year.
3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. Every nomination must be accompanied by a statement giving clearly the reasons which, in the opinion of the nominators, make their nominee a suitable candidate for the award.
5. The nominations shall be submitted to a special Committee composed of the last three (3) living Past Presidents and the President, who shall be the convener of the Committee, which will report its recommendations to the Executive Director.
6. The report received by the Executive Director shall be presented to CIM Council for consideration and approval not later than the last Council meeting held prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
7. The members of the Committee shall not be party to the nomination of any candidate.
8. When reasonably possible, the recipient shall be expected to receive the Medal in person during the course of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute following the announcement of the award, or at such a time or place as CIM Council may direct.
9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three (3) years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.
10. Nominees must be CIM National Members.

CIM Distinguished Lecturers - Origin

A Distinguished Lecturers Program was established in 1967 by CIM Council as a means to recognize and organize public presentations by individuals chosen by the Institute's Societies/Divisions/Committees and Districts on the basis of their distinguished service and accomplishments in scientific, technical or administrative activities.

Conditions

1. Persons shall be selected as CIM Distinguished Lecturers on the basis of their distinguished service and accomplishments in scientific, technical or administrative activities related to the minerals industries.
2. Not more than five (5) Distinguished Lecturers shall be selected in any Council year.
3. Nominations for the honour of CIM Distinguished Lecturer shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by the executive of each of the Technical Societies/Committees of the Institute or CIM's District Vice Presidents, by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a statement supporting the nomination.
5. The nominations shall be submitted to a special CIM Distinguished Lecturers Selection Committee under the chairmanship of the CIM President-Elect and consisting of four other members appointed by CIM Council.
6. The Committee shall select the recipients, confirm their willingness to accept the honour and dedicate their time to give the Lectures, and inform the CIM Executive Director prior to the last meeting of Council preceding the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
7. The CIM Distinguished Lecturers shall be honoured at the Annual General Meeting and shall be presented with a certificate.
8. The CIM Distinguished Lecturers are expected to give their Lectures before appropriate Branches of the Institute and at any Annual Meeting of the appropriate Society/Division.
9. In the case where the Distinguished Lecturer's employer or the nominating body is unable to cover the expenses for a Lecture, CIM National will cover the cost of air travel while the Branches will cover local expenses (accommodation, transportation, etc.)
10. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three (3) years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination, or withdrawn by the nominee.
11. Nominees should be CIM National Members.

McParland Memorial Award Origin

Donald J. McParland was one of the founding members of the Mechanical-Electrical Division and became its first Chairman.

After a short and distinguished period with Noranda and Rio Algom, he joined the Brinco organization and eventually became president and chief executive officer, with prime responsibility for the design and construction of the giant Churchill Falls project. His brilliant career was tragically ended at the age of forty in an airplane crash at Labrador City in 1969. Mr. McParland was engaged in a tour as a CIM Distinguished Lecturer at the time, concentrating his efforts on the small isolated Branches of the Institute.

The Mechanical-Electrical Division was established by Mr. McParland and his CIM associates in 1961 to fill a recognized need to provide a forum for the people and the technology in the field, which had become such a vital part of the mining industry. It seemed totally appropriate that a suitable award, under the auspices of the M-E Division, should be established, and that it should commemorate the memory of the founding Chairman and a most remarkable Canadian engineer. Approval for the award was given by the CIM Council in 1972 and sponsorship for the design and execution of the Medal was generously undertaken by Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation, for a period of ten years.

The fallen maple leaf in the design depicts a young Canadian abruptly severed from his life and country at the height of his career – a most fitting tribute.

Conditions

1. The Donald J. McParland Memorial Medal is to be awarded for outstanding performance in the minerals industry in the field of mechanical, electrical or civil engineering design, general plant design, project engineering and/or management of mine plants. The award may also recognize innovations in mine plant installations or in operating and maintenance methods. Major improvements in equipment used in the mining industry or the development of new types of equipment by engineers in the equipment manufacturing industry will also qualify.
2. The award is to be presented from time to time as conditions warrant, but not more than one award shall be made in any given year.
3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. All nominations must be accompanied by a brief description of the meritorious contribution and its value to the mineral industry. A biographical sketch of the recommended candidate is also to be given.
5. The award shall be adjudicated by the Awards Committee of the Maintenance/Engineering Division, which includes the Division Chairman and the Past Chairman remaining on the Executive Committee.

6. The recommendation of the M/E Awards Committee is to be sent to the CIM Executive Director not later than the last day of January in the calendar year of the award year for consideration and approval of CIM Council.
7. The members of the Awards Committee shall not be party to the nomination of any candidate.
8. When reasonably possible, the recipient shall be expected to receive the Award in person at the Annual General Meeting following the announcement of the Award, or at such other place and time agreeable to the CIM Council.
9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three (3) years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.
10. The award can be made to any person in Canada, or elsewhere, although it is preferable that it be made to a CIM National Member.

CANMET Technology Transfer Award

THIS PRIZE IS NO LONGER AWARDED.

Order of Sancta Barbara - Origin

This handsome silver medal carries an enamel portrait of Sancta Barbara (patron saint and protector of the miners of the world) and a headframe, symbol of the mining industry. It was designed in 1968 by Madame Françoise Drolet who, along with her husband, Dr. Jean-Paul Drolet, CIM President, 1978-79, donated and maintained this award to "recognize the important role played by women in the progressive development of Canadian mining communities."

Conditions

1. The Order of Sancta Barbara is awarded to any woman who has made a significant contribution to the welfare of a mining community located in Canada.
2. The award may be presented from time to time as circumstances warrant.
3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of not fewer than three (3) members of the special Women's Committees appointed for the purpose by each Institute Branch across Canada, all of whom must be female CIM Members or Members' wives associated with the Branch in question, and under the chairmanship of the female Chairman of the Institute Branch or the wife of the Chairman, if possible. Only one nomination may be made each year by any Branch Committee. The nominations for the award shall be received by the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. Every nomination must be accompanied by a detailed statement giving clearly the reasons which, in the opinion of the nominators, make their nominee a suitable candidate for the award.
5. Following the last day of January, the Executive Director of the Institute shall refer all such nominations to a special Committee of Award composed of the female CIM President or the wife of the President, who shall be the convener of the Committee and two Canadian women well known for their participation in Canadian affairs.
6. The Committee's selection, of not more than one nominee each year, shall be reported to CIM Council not later than the last Council meeting held prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute at which the presentation is expected to be made.
7. The members of the Committee of Award shall not, as individuals, be party to the nomination of any candidate.
8. The recipient shall be expected to receive the medal in person during the Annual Awards Gala held each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute or at such other time and place as CIM Council may direct. The presentation shall be made by the female CIM President or the wife of the President if at all possible.

INCO Medal - Origin

The donor of the Inco Medal is Inco Limited. It has been awarded annually since 1933. The medal is made of platinum, with a replica made in nickel.

Conditions

1. The Inco Medal is to be presented as a mark of distinction and recognition to the person who has made a meritorious and practical contribution of outstanding importance to the mining and metallurgical industry of Canada. The distinctive contributions to be thus recognized must be applicable to the winning or treatment of Canadian minerals, fuels or metallurgical products.
2. The award may be presented from time to time as circumstances warrant, but not more than one award shall be made in any given year.
3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. Every nomination shall be accompanied by an authenticated description of the meritorious contribution, with details as to its practical value.
5. Following the last day of January, the Executive Director of the Institute shall refer all such nominations to the Institute Honours Committee.
6. This Committee shall present its report and recommendations to CIM Council not later than the last Council meeting held prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
7. No member of the Institute Honours Committee shall be party to the nominations of any candidate.
8. When reasonably possible, the recipient shall be expected to receive the Medal in person during the course of the first Annual General Meeting following the announcement of the award, or at such other time and place as CIM Council may direct.
9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of the members responsible for the nomination.
10. Nominees should be CIM National Members.

Coal Award - Origin

The Coal Award was established by the Coal Division of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum and approved by CIM Council for presentation in 1983. This Award was established to honour CIM Members who have made outstanding contributions to the coal industry of Canada and who have also been active participants in the Coal Division of CIM.

The Coal Award winner receives a gold medallion set in a triangular perspex stand with an inscribed mounted brass plate. The Award is funded by the Coal Division of CIM.

Conditions

1. To be awarded to a person who has been a Member of CIM for at least fifteen (15) years, who has made an outstanding contribution to the coal industry in Canada, and has also been active in the Coal Division of CIM.
2. The award may be presented from time to time as circumstances warrant, but not more than one award shall be made in any given year.
3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. Every nomination must be accompanied by an authenticated description of the personal achievement of the nominee.
5. Nominations will be submitted to the CIM Coal Division Award Committee who will make the final decision.
6. The Committee shall present its report and recommendations to CIM Council not later than the last Council meeting held prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
7. No members of the Institute Honours Committee shall be party to the nomination of any candidate.
8. When reasonably possible, the recipient shall be expected to receive the award in person during the course of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute following the announcement of the award.
9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three (3) years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.
10. Nominees must be CIM National Members.

Past Presidents' Memorial Medal Origin

The gold medal was established in 1959. The medal is donated by Janet C. Cole, as a memorial to her late husband, Lt. Col. George Edwards Cole, CIM President, 1936-37, who, until his death in December 1957, contributed greatly of his time and effort in fostering the welfare of the younger Members of the Institute.

Conditions

1. The award shall be made to a person not more than forty-five years of age, in recognition of his/her attainments in setting an outstanding example to young CIM Members and to young men and women contemplating a career in the minerals industry.
2. The award may be presented from time to time as circumstances warrant, but not more than one award may be made in any given year.
3. Nominations for the medal should be promoted by the CIM District Vice-Presidents, and shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM National Members, and should be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
4. All nominations shall be submitted with complete details of qualifications.
5. The CIM Executive Director shall refer each nomination to the Institute Honours Committee.
6. The Committee's selection shall be reported to CIM Council not later than the last Council meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the presentation is expected to be made.
7. The members of the Institute Honours Committee shall not be party to the nomination of any candidate.
8. The presentation of the medal shall be made at the Annual Awards Gala of the Institute by the most senior Past President (length of membership as a Past President) of the Institute present at the dinner.
9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.
10. Nominees must be CIM National Members.

Members Award - Origin

The CIM Council, at its March 1983 meeting, accepted Coopers & Lybrand Consulting Group's offer to sponsor a special award to be called the Members Award which is to be presented on an annual basis (provided a suitable candidate has been nominated) to one of the "Unsung Heroes" of the mining industry. The award consists of a parchment with a sterling silver medal mounted in a customized frame.

Conditions

The Members Award may be presented to a CIM National Member who meets the following criteria:

- a) Has served for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years at a mine site or mine sites.
 - b) Has held a senior position for a period of at least ten (10) years.
 - c) Has given fully of his time in several aspects of community service and support.
2. The award may be presented from time to time as circumstances warrant, but not more than one award shall be made in any given year.
 3. Nominations for the award shall be made over the signatures of at least ten (10) CIM national members and forwarded to the Executive Director of the Institute by December 15th of the year prior to the presentation of the award.
 4. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a statement clearly stating the reasons that make the nominee a suitable candidate for the award.
 5. The nominations shall be submitted to a committee composed of the six (6) CIM District Vice-Presidents and chaired by the CIM Executive Director for review and selection of the winning candidate.
 6. Their recommendation shall be reported to CIM Council not later than the last Council meeting held prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
 7. The members of the committee shall not be party to the nomination of any candidate.
 8. When reasonably possible, the recipient shall be expected to receive the Medal in person during the course of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute following the announcement of the award, or at such a time or place as CIM Council may direct.
 9. All nominations properly presented shall remain in good standing for a period of three (3) years unless formally withdrawn over the signatures of a majority of members responsible for the nomination.
 10. Nominees must be CIM National Members.