ASNT ROBERT C. McMASTER GOLD MEDAL AWARD

1.0 Purpose

The ASNT Robert C. McMaster ASNT Gold Medal Award provides recognition for outstanding contribution, exceptional meritorious service, or significant advancement in any area of nondestructive testing and/or the Society.

2.0 Scope

This policy provides a process to be used by the ASNT Robert C. McMaster Gold Medal Award Subcommittee for the evaluation and selection of recipients for the Gold Medal Award.

3.0 References

ASNT Policy J-5.2, Awards Committee

4.0 Gold Medal Award Subcommittee Membership

The Chairman of the Board in accordance with Policy J-5.2 shall appoint the ASNT Robert C. McMaster Gold Medal Award Subcommittee. ASNT Headquarters shall provide each subcommittee member with a copy of this policy along with a listing of all subcommittee members.

5.0 Method of Nomination

5.1 A call for Gold Medal Award nominees shall be published annually in the December issue of ***Materials Evaluation***.

5.2 Nominations may be made by any Society member and must be sent to the Subcommittee Chairman and be postmarked prior to February 15 to be considered for the current year award. Late submittals will be retained by the Subcommittee Chairman for use by the next year's Subcommittee. The nomination shall be in the form of a letter setting forth the reason the candidate should receive the award, and

- Shall include a resume of the candidate's activities and reputation supporting the nomination; and
- Shall include a letter seconding the recommendation from a colleague who is also familiar with the nominee’s activities/reputation warranting the award.

5.3 Nominators shall be sent a thank you letter by the Subcommittee Chairman upon receipt of the nomination.

6.0 Method of Selection

6.1 The Subcommittee Chairman shall send packets containing the materials shown in Paragraph 5.2 above for each candidate to the Subcommittee members by February 22, together with a scorecard addressing the items shown in Paragraph 6.3, for judgment as well as due dates for Subcommittee deliberations.

6.2 Deliberations of the Subcommittee may be at a meeting or by correspondence.

6.3 The following guidance should be used by the Subcommittee during their selection process:

- The contribution by the nominee provides tangible, and/or measurable, and/or observable advancement, improvement, enhancement, and/or growth to the science of nondestructive testing and/or to ASNT.
- The contribution, services, advancement, inventions, etc., may be a single illustrious event or may be a number of continuing contributions or services of less individual public notice over a period of many years.
- The attributes described in Paragraph 6.3, first bullet above determined to be present in the candidate's history are then weighed, valued, or otherwise compared to determine that the candidate is more deserving of recognition via the ASNT Robert C. McMaster Gold Medal Award than his/her contemporaries.
- The award when made, will bring honor to the society as well as the recipient by virtue of how and by whom the recommendations were made, the character and reputation of the recipient, and the manner in which the Subcommittee arrives at its choice.

6.4 The Subcommittee shall select one person or one event (multiple persons) for the ASNT Robert C. McMaster Gold Medal Award(s) for any calendar year.

6.5 If there is more than one nominee for the Award, initial balloting may narrow the selection to a single nominee by majority ballot. The Subcommittee's final selection shall be by a majority of the voting members of the committee. If, in the opinion of the Subcommittee, candidates do not meet the criteria, it is not mandatory that an ASNT Robert C. McMaster Gold Medal Award be made in a given year. A recipient of the award is ineligible for the award thereafter.

6.6 The Subcommittee Chairman shall furnish the name of the selected recipient, together with a resume of achievement supporting the selection, to the Awards Committee Chairman not later than the Spring Conference to allow consideration at the ASNT Board of Directors spring or summer meeting.

6.7 Nominations considered by the Subcommittee but not selected shall be retained and reconsidered for at least two (2) more years. All such records shall be retained by the Subcommittee Chairman and provided to the succeeding year's Subcommittee Chairman.

7.0 Notification

The recipient shall be notified by the Chairman of the Board of Directors following concurrence of the Awards Committee and Board of Directors (following their spring or summer meeting at which the action was taken). Notification shall be prepared by Headquarters and sent by registered mail. An invitation to receive the award at the Fall Conference banquet shall be extended. After the Board has reviewed and approved the award winner, all nominators shall be sent notification of the winner by the Subcommittee Chairman. No discussion should be given as to why the unselected nominees were not chosen.

8.0 Expenses

The award recipient shall receive one complimentary registration and two banquet tickets for the conference at which the award will be presented.

9.0 Confidentiality

All deliberations of the Subcommittee shall be confidential. No discussion regarding the selection process or any aspect of the Subcommittee activities shall be divulged. The members of the Subcommittee, the Awards Committee, and the Board of Directors shall hold the results of the selection activities confidential until the recipient(s) has been notified. Names of unsuccessful candidates shall be held confidential because of consideration in later years.