OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARDS

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the ASNT Outstanding Paper Awards is to encourage a high degree of effort toward technical, educational, or managerial achievement in nondestructive testing through the publication in *Materials Evaluation* and *Research in Nondestructive Evaluation*.

1.2 The ASNT Outstanding Paper in Materials Evaluation Award is presented to a person or persons for a manuscript published in *Materials Evaluation* which, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, is an outstanding contribution to the advancement of nondestructive testing.

1.3 The ASNT Outstanding Paper in Research in Nondestructive Evaluation Award is presented to a person or persons for a manuscript published in *Research in Nondestructive Evaluation* which, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, is an outstanding contribution to the advancement of fundamental knowledge in nondestructive evaluation.

1.4 Recipients of the awards are selected on the merit of written contributions published by the Society during the period of January through December of the preceding year. Selection is based on originality, appropriateness and accuracy of supporting material, usefulness of the contribution, and clarity of the presentation. The author(s) of no more than two such publications are selected for each award in a given year.

1.5 The awards are presented to the recipient(s) during the Fall Conference. The Committee has the option of not conferring the awards if it is decided that no papers qualify for the awards in a given year.

2.0 Selection Subcommittee Membership

2.1 The selection subcommittees members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board in accordance with Policy J-5.2.

2.2 None of the individuals selected for the Materials Evaluation Award Subcommittee shall have had a manuscript published in *Materials Evaluation* during the year for which the award is being considered. These individuals shall be active readers of articles in *Materials Evaluation*.

2.3 None of the individuals selected for the Research in Nondestructive Evaluation Award Subcommittee shall have had a manuscript published in *Research in Nondestructive Evaluation* during the year for which the award is being considered. These individuals shall be active readers of articles in *Research in Nondestructive Evaluation*.

3.0 Method of Nomination

3.1 All manuscripts published in *Materials Evaluation* or *Research in Nondestructive Evaluation* during the preceding year shall be candidates for the respective award.

3.2 Papers may be nominated by reviewers, Associate Technical Editors or Editors of the journals, or by subcommittee members.

3.3 Each subcommittee member will select his or her best papers and shall rank them in order in accordance with the criteria detailed in Paragraph 4.0. The subcommittee chairman shall collect the rankings of each subcommittee member and establish a combined ranking of the papers.

3.4 All subcommittee members shall review the papers with the highest rankings from Paragraph 3.3 and award points in accordance with the Paragraph 4.0 criteria. The paper(s) receiving the highest cumulative total shall be selected as the award(s) recipients if the committee agrees that the paper(s) have sufficient merit. If the second ranked paper(s) have sufficient merit, additional awards may be given and both awards shall have equal stature.

3.5 The subcommittee may determine that there were no papers worthy of the award(s) in which case the award(s) shall not be given.

4.0 Criteria for Paper Selection

4.1 Each subcommittee member shall use the following criteria for selection:

Originality	0 to 25 points
Appropriateness and accuracy of supporting material	0 to 25 points
Usefulness of the contribution	0 to 25 points
Clarity of the presentation	0 to 25 points

5.0 Notification

5.1 The recipient(s) shall be notified by the Chairman of the Board following concurrence of the Awards Committee and Board of Directors at the Spring Conference. 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.

6.0 Expenses

6.1 The recipient(s) of the award(s) shall receive one (1) complimentary registration and two (2) banquet tickets for the conference at which the award is presented.

7.0 Confidentiality

7.1 All deliberations of the subcommittee shall be confidential. No discussions regarding the selection process or any aspect of the subcommittee's activities shall be divulged.

7.2 The results of the subcommittees' activities shall be held confidential by the members of the subcommittee, the Awards Committee, and the Board of Directors until the recipients have been notified.