



Membership of **Fellow**

What is an ARMA Fellow

A Fellow Member of ARMA is recognition of an individual's outstanding achievements in the field of Rock Mechanics. The Fellow title is granted to selected individuals by their peers, and is evidence of the individual's expertise, judgment, and wisdom, particularly in the field of Rock Mechanics.

Criteria for Fellow Membership

Accomplishments in the field of Rock Mechanics

Such accomplishments are a requirement and are demonstrated by work experience, by publications, by inventions, by technology advancements, and by mentoring of individuals.

Accomplishments outside of the technical field of Rock Mechanics

Non-technical accomplishments are an important consideration, including public service, elections and appointments to positions of responsibilities, prominent committee functions, executive positions, Rock Mechanics business development, and charitable functions.

Recognition from Peers

The individual must be widely recognized by his/her peers. Awards, honors received, invited presentations, and appointed society participation are a demonstration of peer recognition.

ARMA Member, Vision, and Service

The individual must be a member of ARMA in good standing, generally for at least one year prior to nomination to become a Fellow, and must support the Vision and strategy of ARMA. Past and present service to ARMA is an important criterion.

Continued ARMA Membership

Continued membership in ARMA is required to maintain Fellow status. An individual's Fellow status will immediately terminate if the individual does not maintain ARMA membership.

Limitation of Number of Fellow Members

No new Fellows shall be appointed if the number of Fellows exceeds five percent of the average ARMA total Members over the past five years.

Procedure for Nomination and Appointment to Fellow

An individual may be considered for Fellow status in either of two ways: 1) by a Fellow submitting a Nomination Package, or 2) by at least five ARMA Individual Members submitting a Nomination Package. The Nomination Package must a) be signed by each of the nominators (electronic signature is acceptable except for one original signature), b) include the justification for election as a Fellow by addressing the “Criteria for Fellow Membership” identified in this brochure, c) include the current resume of the individual being nominated, d) include the name, title, and affiliation of each of the nominators, and e) should be in hard-copy letter or e-mail mailed to the Chair of Fellows by December 1st for consideration in the following year. An individual may be nominated only two consecutive years and not thereafter for an additional two years, with an updated and signed (by all nominators) Nomination Package provided for the second consecutive year. All Nomination Packages will be kept strictly confidential by the Fellows and the ARMA Executive Director.

Individuals selected by the Fellows Membership for final nomination will be provided in confidence to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for acceptance or rejection. Final Nominations will be submitted to the full Board of Directors for approval. Those nominations approved by the Board will be submitted electronically to the ARMA Membership for ratification. The vote will be made in confidence to the Executive Director, and an affirmative vote of at least ninety percent of those voting is required for ratification. After such ratification by the Members, an individual upon acceptance will be inducted to become a Fellow Member. The individual must be present for induction as a Fellow, and generally the Nomination will be held open for one year to allow for in-person induction, and would be dropped after the one year.

Recognition and Duties of Fellows

Fellows will receive a certificate so indicating their Membership, and will be recognized appropriately at Annual Symposia and in ARMA publications. Fellows may attend without session registration fees all Annual Symposium and other ARMA symposia, workshops, and meetings.

Fellow Members may be called upon as advisors for ARMA or requested to participate in various projects, and may be suggested to agencies where rock mechanics expertise is required. Fellow participation is important and highly desirable, but always is at the will of the individual Fellow.

Fellows are expected to participate in the Annual Fellows Meeting, which will typically be scheduled in connection with the ARMA Annual Rock Mechanics Symposium.

Fellow Member Organization

The Fellow Members function as a volunteer group, within the charter and legal status of the American Rock Mechanics Association (“ARMA”) and are bound by the ARMA ByLaws. No Fellow may commit or obligate another Fellow beyond the specifications contained herein, and any Fellow may at any time by written notice to ARMA, resign his/her membership as Fellow.

The Fellows will by majority vote elect a Chair from among their Members, who typically serves for a two-year term. This Chair shall be responsible to appropriately communicate with the ARMA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, call, establish the agenda, and chair the Annual Fellows Meeting, and be the focal point for Fellow activities.

American Rock Mechanics Association, Vision, and Strategy

ARMA is an association of individuals with strong interests in rock mechanics in a broad sense, to include multi-discipline rock physics and rock engineering technology advancement and technology applications for oil and gas recovery, mining, civil engineering, and social-economic geo related problem solving.

The ARMA Vision is to be the recognized representation of multi-disciplinary rock mechanics advancements and applications, to serve its Members and the Public.

The Strategy is:

ARMA will encourage individuals and accept Members who share a common interest in rock mechanics,

ARMA will be the American technical leader in rock mechanics via sponsored symposium, publications, workshops, training courses, and other means,

ARMA will recognize its Members for individual accomplishments, expertise in rock mechanics, and public benefit,

ARMA will offer advisory expertise to help Government, Academia, Industry, and the Public.