

## ARMA's Distinguished Service Award

**ARMA's Distinguished Service Award** recognizes outstanding, significant contributions made by ARMA members who have generously volunteered their time and expertise to further the services provided by ARMA. These services include, but are not limited to:

- (1) activities supporting the ARMA annual symposium, international conferences, workshops, forums, and other meetings that promote rock mechanics and geomechanics technologies and applications;
- (2) education efforts by ARMA members, including ARMA Fellows;
- (3) participation on ARMA technical committees;
- (4) contributions to ARMA publications such as *ARMA Letters* and reports;
- (5) promoting ARMA and building international and national liaisons; and
- (6) any other volunteer services to help ARMA achieve its mission.

The award will consider contributions by ARMA members and support staff, excluding the current Board of Directors and selection committee members. Typically, it will annually recognize contributions from at least one candidate from each of the following categories:

- (1) significant contributions from a senior member or support staff (having either ten or more years of professional experience since the highest college degree or a senior contractor having ten or more years of experience working with ARMA);
- (2) significant contributions from a junior member or contractor; and
- (3) significant contributions from a student member at any degree level.

The contribution would have involved dedicated time and effort that provided a meaningful and qualitative impact on the success of ARMA events and activities. Award recipients must have been members or staff of ARMA during the nomination period.

The selection committee will consider the following criteria:

- (1) basis of contribution—the difficulty of tasks involved, amount of time and effort required, quality of service; and
- (2) value of contribution—the meaningfulness and overall significance of an impact on the ARMA mission, significance and implications benefiting ARMA members and the general public.

Every award nomination must provide the following information:

- (1) Full name and contact information of nominator. Self-nominations are encouraged and will receive equal consideration to other nominations.
- (2) Nominee name, contact information, and a resume/CV for the nominee.
- (3) Abstract of the nominee’s service contribution (up to 250 words).

Please email nominations to ARMA at [info@armarocks.org](mailto:info@armarocks.org).

**Conflicts of Interest:** Members of the ARMA-Board-appointed Distinguished Service Award selection committee may provide nominations. However, no members of the Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee shall participate in the selection process for an award category if they are related to or have a close professional, academic or supervisory connection with one of the candidates in that award category. No members of the award selection committee can be a recipient of an award or can take part in the selection process if they have nominated a candidate who is being considered for an award. In addition, if the Chair has been involved in any of the nominations or has a COI with any of the nominations, a Chair who is free of COI must be selected and approved by the ARMA Board. All potential conflicts of interest shall be noted in the award committee report to the ARMA Board. The ARMA Board is subject to the ARMA COI policy and will not be involved in the selection of any of the above awards other than through governance oversight and ratification of the awards.