



Recognition of a Pioneer of Reclamation

Criteria

This recognition is intended to highlight the accomplishments of people who have spent most of their career in land reclamation subject areas and are considered as “founders” of reclamation. This recognition can be given to numerous people in a given year if strong nominations are submitted. This award includes complimentary conference registration for the successful nominee and nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators and nominee’s may be members or non-members of ASRS and include the Awards committee. If Awards committee members are nominated or nominate, they will recuse themselves from the section process.

Submission Procedure

Preparation of a complete and thorough nomination package is important. Nominations can be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee of the ASRS. It is recommended the nominator solicit input and assistance from at least two individuals familiar with the nominee. Assistance from the nominee, if available, is acceptable and helps to ensure an accurate, complete nomination. The nominations must adhere to the procedures and format prescribed below while including three letters of endorsement from individuals personally familiar with the nominee and their accomplishments. One of these letters may be that of the nominator. Incomplete/improper nominations may not be considered and may be returned to the nominator for revision, time permitting.

Nomination Information

Each nomination for recognition as a Pioneer of Reclamation shall contain the following information:

- Name of nominee for recognition as a Pioneer of Reclamation.
- Status of nominee; currently active, retired, deceased.
- Nominee’s current mailing and e-mail address.
- If deceased, name and address of closest relative who would receive the recognition if awarded.
- Number of year’s nominee was (is) active in reclamation of mined land in research or in applied practice. Identify those years (e.g., 1960-1985).
- Employer(s) and location(s).

- Nature or type of reclamation activity(ies) and location(s) where reclamation activity(ies) took place.
- Previous recognition or awards by ASRS or other organizations.
- A description of how the nominee meets the criteria of a Pioneer of Reclamation. Include specific contributions or accomplishments. Provide specific details, including year or years of specific achievements and examples.
- Formal or informal research that may or may not have been published. If published, such as reports or referred articles, include literature citations but no more than ten such items.
- Planning and implementing reclamation projects that were innovative, were the first of their kind, and were under harsh or difficult conditions.
- Discovered or developed new techniques or procedures that became standard, or that were the foundation of a technique or procedure.
- Provided leadership roles in developing practical approaches to reclamation regulatory considerations.
- Name, address, e-mail, and phone number of nominator.

There may be exceptions to some of the specific requirements in cases where nominee's reclamation contributions/accomplishments are of such an age that complete documentation and satisfaction of these criteria cannot be met. In these cases, the Awards Committee will review the specific accomplishment and determine whether to include it in the evaluation of the nomination.