



William T. Plass Award

Criteria

This award was established by the Society to honor William “Bill” Plass for his long-time commitment to mine land reclamation and for his major role in the establishment and organization of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences. The William T. Plass award is the most prestigious award of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences. Nominations should reflect/demonstrate outstanding contributions in any of the areas of teaching, research, industry, and/or regulatory oversight, or environmental consulting as it relates to reclamation sciences. The nominee must be recognized nationally and internationally for their contributions in the field and should have contributed to this subject field for a significant portion of their career (minimum of ten years). This award includes a stipend of \$1,000 and complimentary conference registrations for the successful nominee and nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators must be members of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences. Nominee does not have to be a member of ASRS. Nominees must have been involved in some aspect(s) of reclamation for a minimum of 10 years, but it is not required that they be active in the field at the time of their nomination. Nominee must be recognized or involved at the local, state, national, and international level. Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate or be nominated during their tenure on the Committee. This award may not be given every year if the Committee feels the minimum qualifications are not adequately met by the nominee(s).

Nomination Format

Cover Page

1. Title: Title the document "Nominations of _____ for the William T. Plass Award" inserting the name of the nominee in the blank.
2. Nominee: Include typewritten name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
3. Nominator: Include typewritten name, title, signature, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Documentation of Nominee

1. Education: Give academic degree(s), academic field, institution, and date of all education above high school diploma.
2. Work experience/career: List dates, employers, and location of all professional positions held, beginning with current position or last position held, if retired.
3. Professional Service: List membership and offices held in professional societies and honorary organizations, and service on professional and/or technical committees. Indicate participation/role in professional organizations and/or committees, including offices. Reclamation industry organizations, environmental committees, guideline committees, etc., should be listed to support this section.
4. Honors and awards: List all honors and awards received and designate whether local, regional, or national. List chronologically and give descriptive nature of award (certificate, monetary, etc.).

Justification

A narrative statement (not to exceed 4 single-spaced pages) should describe the overall achievements and impact the nominee has had in the field of reclamation, research, industry, academic, and/or regulatory authority. Specific examples should be described to ensure that the Committee can identify the importance of the accomplishment(s). Emphasis should be placed on describing how these accomplishments influenced regulation, reclamation success/opportunities, development of personnel/students, reclamation technology, and resource protection/conservation over an extended time. Publications can be included in this section if nominee was primarily a researcher but should constitute no more than three single-spaced pages. Publications should be grouped by: refereed journal, conference/workshop proceedings, book chapters, university publications, and popular articles. If publication record is greater than three pages, indicate the total number of publications in each category and provide a partial list including only the publications considered most significant. Under no circumstances can this section exceed three pages.

Supporting Letters

A maximum of four supporting letters, one page each, should be included that further support the nomination. The letters should be written by people in positions able to address the national and international role the nominee has played in the described area of industry, reclamation, research, teaching, or

regulatory authority. It would be highly desirable for at least one of the letters to be from a person in a country different from that of the nominee, but where the nominee has worked or collaborated with the letter writer. The letter writer should identify their relationship with the nominee and give a thorough description and evaluation of the nominee's role in the specific endeavors and accomplishments identified and provide the letter in English. The letter should be limited to a single page in length if possible but definitely cannot exceed two pages and still be within the 12-page total length of the nomination. The letters can be from members and non-members of the Society but cannot be solicited from members of the Awards Committee.

Nominations for this award must not exceed 12 pages as a Word or PDF document to ensure that all nominees receive an equitable evaluation. Any nominations exceeding 12 pages will be returned to the nominator (if time permits) for revision.