



Distinction in Reclamation Award

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a specific project in which a company has demonstrated excellence in reclamation design, implementation, and overall success (above and beyond the regulatory criteria and requirements) resulting in the conservation of the ecosystem and natural resources. The company must have completed the nominated project within the last four years, and it needs to involve a significant land area or environmental problem. This award includes a complimentary conference registration for the nominee and a complimentary conference tour or social event for the nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators must be members of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences (ASRS). The nominee does not have to be a member of ASRS. Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate or be nominated during their tenure on the Committee. Nominations with state-of-the-art technologies are preferred.

Nomination Format

Cover Page

1. Title: Title the document "Nomination of _____ for the Distinction in Reclamation Award," inserting the name of the company in the blank.
2. Nominee: Include the company name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
3. Nominator: Include name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
4. Nominations for this award must be the company responsible for the ecological reclamation of said project.

Documentation of Nominee

1. Describe the nature of the nominated project. Details of the nomination should include: time frame of project (years), size of the project area, detailed natural resources involved in the project (i.e., riparian/aquaculture, wildlife habitat, cropland, forestry, etc.), success, criteria, and explanation of the steps involved in the development of the project and description of why it is considered “excellence” in the field of reclamation.
2. List any honors (local, regional, national, or international) that the nominee has received for their reclamation program(s) and successes in the past ten years. List awards chronologically and describe the nature of each award.
3. List the personnel involved with the nominated project providing their names, titles, and responsible part of the project.

Justification

A narrative statement not to exceed two single spaced pages should identify and summarize the major parts/systems of the project. It should document how this project is considered to demonstrate superior reclamation in the field of land and water disturbances.

Supporting Letters

Three supporting letters should be included that describe and support the project for this recognition. The letters should describe specific characteristics and qualities of the project that qualify it to be considered “Excellence in Reclamation.” The letters should not be composed by the company representatives but rather state and national reclamation enforcement agencies, landowners, stakeholders, or environmental organizations. At least one of the letters of support must come from a state or federal regulatory agency or representative of that agency that is familiar with the project and company being nominated. The letter writer(s) do not need to be members of ASRS; however, letters cannot be written by members of the Awards Committee.

General information

The nomination must be sent to the Awards Committee Chair as a Word or PDF document and all supporting letters must be part of the nomination file.

Nominations for this award cannot exceed ten pages to ensure that all nominations receive an equitable evaluation.

A single photo representing the project may be included in the submission for reference and may be used for the background of the plaque given with this award.



Early Career in Reclamation Award

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize an early career member of ASRS that is involved in reclamation research, teaching, and/or practical application of reclamation protocols with an industry group, contractor/consultant, or over-site assistance with a regulatory agency or NGO. This award has similar requirements of those of the reclamation research and reclamationists award but is intended to recognize outstanding members in the early phase of their career. This award includes a cash stipend of \$500 and complimentary conference registration for the nominee and a complimentary conference tour or social event for the nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators and the nominee must be members of the American Society Reclamation Sciences (ASRS). The nominee must have been employed in their field for a minimum of three years but not more than ten years. Members of the Awards Committee cannot nominate or be nominated.

Nomination Format

Cover Page

1. Title: Title the document "Nomination of _____ for the Early Career in Reclamation Award," inserting the name of the nominee in the blank.
2. Nominee: Include the company/affiliation name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
3. Nominator: Include name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address

Documentation of Nominee

1. Describe the nature of the accomplishments of the nominee. Details of the nomination should include: time frame of the supporting documentation (years), details of the nominee's position, details of the nominee's accomplishments, and an explanation/justification of why these accomplishments are considered worthy of recognition considering the limited time in the nominee's career.
2. List any honors (local, regional, national, or international) that the nominee has received for their reclamation work and successes in the 3-10-year period

being used to support the nomination. List awards chronologically and describe the nature of each award.

3. List any publications (company reports, consulting reports) published/completed, in preparation, or in review by a journal or conference committee.
4. List the other personnel collaborating with the nominee and any mentors involved with the nominee.

Justification

A narrative statement not to exceed two single-spaced pages should identify and summarize the accomplishments of the nominee. It should document how the nominee is considered to demonstrate superior reclamation research or practices in the field of ecological disturbances.

Supporting Letters

Three supporting letters should be included that support the nomination. The letters should address specific strengths of the nominee and identify the relationship between the nominee and the letter writer and should be limited to a single page in length if possible but cannot exceed two pages and still be within the ten-page total length of the nomination. The letters can be from either members or non-members of the Society but cannot be solicited from members of the Awards Committee.

General Information

The nomination must be sent to the Awards Committee chair as a Word or PDF file and all supporting letters must be part of the nomination file. Nominations for this award cannot exceed ten pages to ensure that all nominations receive an equitable evaluation. Any nominations exceeding ten pages will be returned to the nominator (if time permits) for revision.



Pioneer of Reclamation Award

Criteria

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

Eligibility

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

Submission Procedure

Preparation of a complete and thorough nomination package is important. It is recommended that the nominator solicits 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. An eight-page nomination limit (including letters) is recommended and may be returned to the nominator for length revisions, 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 years the nominee was (is) active in the reclamation of ecological disturbances in research or applied practice. Identify those years (e.g., 1960-1985).

- Employers and locations.
- Nature or type of reclamation activities and locations where reclamation took place.
- Previous recognition or awards by ASRS or other organizations.
- A description of how the nominee meets the criteria of this award. Include specific contributions or accomplishments. Provide specific details, including years of specific achievements and examples.
- Formal or informal research that may or may not have been published. If published, such reports or referred articles, please include literature citations, but no more than ten such items.
- Planning and implementing reclamation projects that were innovative, 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 at 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.



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.



Criteria

This award from the American Society of Reclamation Sciences (ASRS) is intended for individuals demonstrating outstanding accomplishments in the practical application or evaluation of reclamation technology. The individual may work in the subject area of ecological reclamation/restoration as an industry representative, an environmental consultant, a reclamation technology representative, or a reclamation regulatory oversight individual that addresses reclamation protocols and advancements with successful and outstanding achievements. This award includes a stipend of \$500 and complimentary conference registration for the nominee and a complimentary conference tour or social event for the nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators must be members of ASRS. Nominees must be active in some areas of reclamation (industry, consulting, or enforcement) at the time of their nomination but does not have to be a member of ASRS. Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate or be nominated during their tenure on the Committee.

Nomination Format

Cover Page

1. Title: Title the document "Nomination of _____ for the Reclamationist of the Year Award," inserting the name of the nominee in the blank.
2. Nominee: Include name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
3. Nominator: Include typewritten name, signature, title, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
4. Nominations for this award can include those individuals that are employed in the consulting industry and/or implement reclamation and/or conduct demonstration research.

Documentation of Nominee

1. Education/training: Give degree, academic field, institution, and date of all education above high school diploma. Also list dates, courses/training programs, location and length of non-academic, professional, or technical training, (i.e., safety training, technology training, regulatory training, etc.).
2. Work experience/career: list dates, employers, and location of all positions held beginning with current position.
3. Professional service: List membership and offices held in professional societies, industry associations, and technical committees. Indicate nominee's role in these activities. Include committee assignments and leadership role(s) in industry, or regulatory or other programs related to reclamation at the company, state, regional, or national level (i.e., reclamation associations, state/federal guidelines, committees, etc.).
4. Technical developments: Nominee's role in technological development and transfer should be described. Major publications and presentations should be listed that demonstrate technology transfer (not to exceed one single-space page).
5. Honors and awards: List all honors and awards received and designate whether local, regional, or national. List the recognition that the employing company/agency/association received because of nominee's leadership or participation in successful reclamation or revision of reclamation law/guidelines. List chronologically and give descriptive nature of award (certificate, monetary, etc.).

Justification

A narrative statement (not to exceed two single-spaced pages) should identify and summarize the major achievements and role of the nominee in developing reclamation technology, implementing reclamation protocols, developing reclamation laws and guidelines, and/or reclamation evaluation/enforcement. It should also document how the nominee's efforts in reclamation have improved the environment and conservation of our national resources. The local, state, regional, and/or national significance of accomplishments should be described.

Supporting Letters

Three supporting letters should be included with the nomination. The letters should address specific strengths of the nominee while identifying the relationship between the nominee and submitter. It should be limited to a single page in length but cannot exceed two pages. The letters can be from either members or non-

members of the Society but cannot be solicited from members of the Awards Committee.

Nominations for this award must not exceed ten pages (including support letters) to ensure that all nominees receive an equitable evaluation. Any nominations exceeding ten pages will be returned to the nominator (if time permits) for revision.



Richard I. and Lela M. Barnhisel Reclamation Researcher of the Year

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize individuals demonstrating substantive contributions to the advancement of reclamation science and/or technology through scientific research. The individual must have contributed meaningful information/science relating to the economic, social, environmental, or ecological impacts of soil disturbances from anthropogenic or other causes. The individual must have been involved in reclamation/rehabilitation research for a significant length of time to achieve significant measurable advances in the field. This award includes a cash stipend of \$500 and complimentary conference registration for the nominee and a complementary conference tour or social event for the nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators must be members of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences. The Nominee does not have to be a member of ASRS. Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to submit nominations or be nominated during their tenure on the Committee. Nominees must be actively involved in some areas of reclamation research at the time of their nomination.

Nomination Format

Cover Page

1. Title: Title the document "Nomination of _____ for Richard I. and Lela M. Barnhisel Reclamation Researcher of the Year Award," inserting the name of the nominee in the blank.
2. Nominee: Include name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
3. Nominator: Include typewritten name, title, and 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 locations of all positions held, beginning with current positions.
3. Professional service: List membership and offices held in professional societies such as ASRS and honorary organizations and service on professional and/or

technical committees. Indicate participation/role in professional organizations and/or committees.

4. Honors and awards: List all honors and awards received and designate whether local, regional, or national. List chronologically and give a descriptive nature of the award (certificate, monetary, etc.).

Justification

1. A narrative statement (not to exceed two single-spaced pages) should summarize the nominee's research, its impact on reclamation technology or reclamation guidelines/regulations, and its impact on advancing science. Nominee's role, if appropriate, in research or program leadership should be identified and described (i.e., department head, program leader, project leader, etc.). Discussion of invited presentations should include type of requesting organization.
2. List of reclamation and related research publications. These should be grouped by: referred journal, conference/workshop proceedings, book chapters, university publications, and popular articles. Do not list abstracts, simply state number of published abstracts. Identify publications that were invited. This section should not exceed two single-space pages. If publication record is greater than that, 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 two pages.
3. Role in technology transfer. This should include workshops, field days, seminars, and other extension type activities (not to exceed one-half a single-spaced page).

Supporting Letters

Three supporting letters should be included that support the nomination. The letters should address specific strengths of the nominee and identify the relationship between the nominee and the letter writer and should be limited to a single page in length if possible but cannot exceed two pages and still be within the ten-page total length of the nomination. The letters can be from either members or non-members of the Society but cannot be solicited from members of the Awards Committee.

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

