2014 SMTA
Members of Distinction
Annual Awards

Request for Nominations

Deadline | June 30 | 2014
SMTA has recognized exceptional Individual and Corporate Members for their immeasurable contributions to the Association since 1994. Please join us to show our appreciation for SMTA members dedicated to preserving the traditions of the association and maintaining high standards of professionalism in the industry. We invite you to take a few minutes to nominate individual or corporate members for one of the prestigious SMTA awards to be presented at the SMTA International Conference.

Eligibility and Process

♦ Any corporate or individual member nominated for a Member of Distinction Award must be in good standing (dues paid) at the time of the nomination, when selected for the award by the committee, and at the time the award is presented at SMTA International. Eligibility is confirmed by SMTA HQ.

♦ Nominees from a prior year not selected for the award are eligible for re-nomination.

♦ All SMTA members in good standing are eligible to submit nominations. You may nominate a different candidate in each category.

♦ Current members of the Board of Directors are not eligible.

♦ All nominations must be submitted by someone other than the nominee and submitted online at www.smta.org/awards.

♦ The candidate list and completed forms are forwarded to the Nominating Committee, chaired by the Past SMTA President, which is responsible for selecting a recipient in each category based on the established criteria.

♦ The final selections are presented to the Board of Directors for ratification and formal action.

♦ The Members of Distinction Awards will be presented at the SMTA International Conference and Electronics Exhibition.
Award Categories

♦ **SMTA+ Corporate Award ♦**
Presented to an SMTA corporate member company that has shown exceptional support of the SMTA. This award is based on the multitude of ways that a company has contributed to the SMTA. Examples include: attending and participating in technical conferences and events, supporting chapter or national leaders, encouraging and supporting individual members, etc. This award is not based on a company’s product or a service.

♦ **Technical Distinction Award ♦**
Presented to a member who has made outstanding and continuing technical contributions to the SMTA over a period of at least three years. Minimum criteria for this award includes serving on a technical committee, presenting technical papers or conducting a course(s) at local, regional or national conferences.

♦ **Founder's Award ♦**
Presented to a member who has made exceptional contributions to the industry, and provided ongoing support and service to the SMTA. *The recipient must be an SMTA member for a minimum of three years prior to the award.*

♦ **Excellence in Leadership Award ♦**
Presented to a member who has shown exceptional dedication to the SMTA, serving as a leader at the national, international, and/or chapter level. The individual’s involvement has enhanced the association, expanded programs, or made a significant impact to achieve the SMTA mission. *The recipient must be an SMTA member for a minimum of three years prior to the award.*

♦ **International Leadership Award ♦**
Presented to a member who has provided outstanding support and leadership to the SMTA's international members, chapters, or educational programs. This person's efforts have resulted in the further development and maturation of the SMTA network, chapters, and programs outside of the USA. *The recipient must be a member for a minimum of two years prior to the award.*
◆ SMTA+ Corporate Partnership Award ◆

The SMTA+ Award was presented to STI Electronics, Inc. They joined the SMTA as a Corporate Member in 1985 and have been continuously active in their commitment to SMTA.

STI has shown unwavering support of the SMTA on both a national and international level. From their participation at nearly every SMTA International event to date, to their consistent leadership on a local chapter level, STI has gone above and beyond to show their passion and dedication to our industry. Outstanding speakers, chapter involvement, exhibiting at many events each year and serving on our Board of Directors are just some of the ways that STI has continued to show their commitment to the SMTA for almost 30 years.

◆ Technical Distinction Award ◆

This year our Awards Committee selected Dr. Pradeep Lall, Auburn University and Dr. Mike Bixenman, Kyzen Corporation as the recipients of this prestigious award.

Dr. Lall has been a long time SMTA member and is the founding faculty advisor for the Auburn University Student Chapter. He has contributed significantly to many SMTA technical programs with his renowned knowledge of electronics reliability and prognostics health management. He serves on the SMTA International technical committee and has written hundreds of articles and technical papers throughout his career. He was awarded the SMTAI Best of Conference paper recipient in 2010 and Best of Proceedings recipient in 2008.

Dr. Bixenman, co-founder of Kyzen Corporation is an active researcher, innovator and industry leader in the precision cleaning field. He has published over 100 technical papers and has received a number of awards in his area of expertise, including the Best Presentation award at SMTAI in 2012. Mike is an excellent speaker and always draws a crowd at SMTA events – earning the highest ratings for his presentations. His technical contributions are unique to the SMTA in the fact that he maintains a busy speaker schedule presenting his research on both a local and international level. Mike also plays a key role in organizing the highly esteemed SMTA-IPC Cleaning and Conformal Coating Conference.

◆ Founder's Award ◆

This award was presented to Chuck Richardson, iNEMI. As one of SMTA’s earliest volunteers, Chuck was involved in the formation of several local chapters and traveled around the country encouraging membership in the SMTA. Chuck served on the Board of Directors and has always been a strong advocate for the SMTA. He currently serves as the iNEMI Director of Roadmapping and has been presenting industry roadmap presentations at SMTA events for many years.
Excellence in Leadership Award

The 2013 recipient of this award was Don Mayse, Schlumberger.

Don has served as an SMTA leader since 1996 when he was first a member and became immediately involved in chapter leadership in every capacity, holding many different officer positions. Since then, he has lead the way in organizing many expos and technical sessions for the Houston Chapter and has also assisted the Austin and Dallas chapters with their events. To this day, Don's leadership continues to shine as he pursues talented speakers and helps to organize local chapter events.

International Leadership Award

The International Leadership Award was awarded to Soren Norlyng, MICRONSULT. For many years Soren has played a very important role in the SMTA PanPacific Symposium by serving on the technical committee, chairing numerous sessions, and by taking the lead in soliciting speakers from across Europe. He has also shown exceptional leadership skills in organizing an SMTA tutorial as part of IMPAS Nordic where he has served as both the President and Vice President. Soren is an advocate for promoting “good will” internationally which makes him an ideal recipient of this prestigious award.

Chapter of the Year Award

We are proud to present our 2013 Chapter of the Year Award to the Oregon SMTA Chapter. We are proud of the chapter's success and for their outstanding leadership team. Congratulations and thank you for "sharing the knowledge" with colleagues in our industry.

2nd Place Runner-up – LA/Orange County & Upper Midwest Chapter (tie)

3rd Place Runner-up – Dallas Chapter

2013 International Chapter of the Year – Penang Chapter

Outstanding Achievement Awards

(Determined by the Chapters Leadership Committee)

- Outstanding Chapter Development (Most Improved)
  - Western Pennsylvania Chapter
- Top Chapter Student Support
  - Atlanta Chapter
- Top Officer Participation
  - Ohio Valley Chapter
- Membership – Top Chapter New Individual Members
  - Space Coast Chapter
- Membership – Top Chapter New Corporate & Global Members
  - Dallas Chapter
- Membership – Top Chapter Retaining Members
  - Michigan Chapter
- Outstanding Development (Most Improved) Domestic
  - Western Pennsylvania Chapter
- Outstanding Development (Most Improved) International
  - Guadalajara Chapter
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