Bronze Medal Award

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

The honor of Bronze Medal of the Society recognizes ASM members who are in early-career positions, typically, 0 to 10 years of experience, for their significant contributions in the field of materials science & engineering through technical content and service to ASM and the materials science profession.

The Bronze Medal Award recognizes outstanding young professionals and encourages individual growth and further contributions to the profession as well as the Society. Candidates for the Bronze Medal Award will have made significant technical contributions to the society, may be beyond their eligibility period for the Emerging Professional Achievement Award, and are not yet considered experienced enough to be eligible for the Silver Medal Award. This award serves to recognize and encourage members 35 years of age or less, many of whom have demonstrated notable interest in the Emerging Professional Achievement Award.

Annually, up to two individuals (one academic and one non-academic) may be selected to receive the ASM Bronze Medal based on commendable personal reputation and significant technical accomplishments in some phase of materials science, engineering, production, manufacturing, design, and technology transfer, application of technology, and development, research or education as well as service to ASM and the profession of materials science.

Judging will be based on two equally weighted criteria: 1) significant technical accomplishments in the field of materials science and engineering; and 2) volunteer professional service, through ASM.

II. RULES

A. Two years of current, continuous membership in ASM International as an individual or as the voting representative of a Chapter sustaining membership at the time of nomination.

B. Candidates should have demonstrated outstanding technical contributions and volunteerism on a national level.

C. Candidates shall be no more than 35 years of age on January 1 of the year in which the Award is given.

D. Candidates for the award may be proposed by Chapters through their Executive Committee, Affiliate Societies, Regional Councils, Committees/Councils, Award Selection Committee, Awards Policy Committee, or any five members of the Society.

E. Selection Committee will review only nominations submitted on the proper form.

F. Nominations are to be no longer than six (6) pages total (in 10-point font) plus a maximum of three (3) letters of support for a total of no more than 10 pages maximum.
G. An option of selecting up to two recipients may be exercised by the award committee, one academic, and one non-academic.

H. Nominations shall remain valid for three years subject to the age limit described in Rule C.

I. Recommendations must be submitted to ASM Headquarters no later than 1 February of the year in which the award is to be presented.

J. Individuals who have already been honored by a Silver Medal Award, Fellow Award or the Allan Ray Putnam Service Award shall not be eligible for nomination for the Bronze Medal Award. However, recipients of the Bronze Medal Award are eligible for consideration for Silver, Fellow and/or Allan Ray Putnam Service Awards. Alumni of the Emerging Professionals Committee shall be eligible for the Bronze Medal Award, but current members of the EPC shall not be eligible until their EPC term expires.

K. No candidate shall be selected for an award posthumously.

L. The recipient shall be present at the awards presentation to receive appropriate recognition. The Bronze Medal is to be presented at the ASM Awards Dinner.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

The award shall be a bronze medallion plus a $500 travel stipend to offset the costs of attending MS&T.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Appointments

1. Individual members and the chair of the Award Selection Committee shall be selected and appointed by the Awards Policy Committee. Upon approval by the Awards Policy Committee, the ASM Board of Trustees will consider the nominee for approval.

B. Composition and Tenure

1. The committee shall be made up of ASM members.

2. The committee shall consist of minimum five members, preferably 7 or 9, including the chair.

3. The tenure for members of the Award Selection Committee shall be three years, with one-third of the members being replaced each year.

C. Report of the Selection Committee

1. The committee shall, by 1 April of the year in which the award is to be made, submit to the Awards Policy Committee a report, including nomination form and background information on the chosen nominee(s), as well as giving the rationale and documentation for selection.

2. A concise statement, in thirty words or less, of the recipient’s accomplishments shall be a part of the report to the Awards Policy Committee. The nominator shall submit this statement as part of the nomination packet, though the statement may be modified by the Selection Committee.