1. Purpose

The TSS Meritorious Service Award shall recognize exceptional service to the Thermal Spray Society and the thermal spray community. Examples for such service activities are committee service, service on the Board of Directors, organization of conferences or symposia, development of certifications or standards, education, and outreach to students and the general public. While any member of the Thermal Spray Society is expected to further the Society’s goals through service, this Award shall recognize those who provided an exceptional amount of effort in their service to the Society. The recipient is selected by the TSS president and the award is handed to the recipient by the president.

2. Eligibility

Nominees shall be members of the ASM International Thermal Spray Society and must have provided service to the society for at least 10 years.

3. Nomination and selection procedure

3.1 Any member of the Thermal Spray Society can nominate a candidate by providing the necessary background to the chair of the TSS Awards Committee or directly to the TSS president. The necessary background consists of a detailed listing of all the TSS related activities of the candidate, the impact of these activities, and why these activities are considered extraordinary.

3.2 Nominations are due by September 30.

3.3 The chair of the Awards Committee will forward all nominations received to the TSS president. The president will select the recipient of the award. There shall be no more than one recipient selected per year.

3.4 There shall be no posthumous award.

4. Description of the Award

4.1 The Award shall be presented in form of a plaque indicating the name of the recipient, the name of the Award, and the citation.

4.2 The Award shall be presented at an occasion when the peers of the candidate are present, such as before the plenary lecture at a conference or during an awards dinner.