

RTWG 2020 AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Distinguished Rice Research and Education Award may be presented to one individual and to one team at each RTWG meeting in recognition of a recent achievement and distinction in one or more of the following areas: i) significant and original basic and/or applied research ii) creative reasoning and skill in obtaining significant advances in education programs, public relations, or administrative skills which advance the science, motivate progress, and promise technical advances in the rice industry.

The Distinguished Service Award may be made to designated individuals who have given distinguished long-term service to the rice industry in areas of research, education, international agriculture, administration, and industry rice technology.

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Deadline for receipt of nominations is December 1, 2019.

Guidelines for RTWG Awards are as follows.

GUIDELINES FOR RTWG AWARDS

- 1.0 The RTWG Chair shall solicit nominations and, when appropriate, award on a biennial basis the following types of awards, namely:
 - 1.1 The Distinguished Rice Research and/or Education Award
 - 1.1a Individual category – An award may be made to one individual at each RTWG meeting in recognition of recent achievement and distinction in one or more of the following: (1) significant and original basic and/or applied research, (2) creative reasoning and skill in obtaining significant advances in education programs, public relations, or administrative skills - which advance the science, motivate progress, and promise technical advances in the rice industry.
 - 1.1 b Team category – Same as the individual category, except that one team may be recognized at each RTWG meeting. All members of the team will be listed on each certificate.
 - 1.2 The Distinguished Service Award - Awards to be made to designated individuals who have given distinguished long-term service to the rice industry in areas of research, education, international agriculture, administration, and industrial rice technology. Although the award is intended to recognize contributions of a long duration, usually upon retirement from active service, significant contributions over a period of several years shall be considered as a basis of recognition.
- 2.0 The Awards Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee.
- 3.0 The duties of the Awards Committee are as follows:
 - 3.1 To solicit nominations for the awards in advance of the biennial meeting of the RTWG. Awards Committee members cannot nominate or write letters of support for an individual or team for the RTWG awards.
 - 3.2 To review all nominations and select worthy recipients for the appropriate awards. Selection on awardees will be determined by a simple majority vote. The Awards Committee Chair (same as the Executive Committee Chair) can only vote in case of a tie. The names of recipients shall be kept confidential, but recipients shall be invited to be present to receive the award.
 - 3.3 The Awards Committee shall arrange for a suitable presentation at the biennial RTWG meeting.
 - 3.4 The Awards Committee shall select appropriate certificates for presentation to the recipients of the awards.
- 4.0 Those making nominations for the awards shall be responsible for supplying evidence to support the nomination, including three (3) recommendation letters. This summary will be published in the RTWG Proceedings for each award participant.
 - 4.1 Nominees for awards should be staff personnel of Universities or State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Cooperative Extension personnel, cooperating agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture, or participating rice industry groups.
 - 4.2 A member of an organization, described in 4.1, may nominate or co-nominate two persons.
 - 4.3 Nominations are to be sent to the Awards Committee for appropriate committee consideration.
 - 4.4 The deadline for receipt of nominations shall be December 1, 2019.
 - 4.5 Awards need not be made if in the opinion of the Awards Committee no outstanding candidates have been nominated.