2019 SMTA
Members of Distinction
Annual Awards

Request for Nominations

Deadline | June 7 | 2019
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.

Criteria & 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 Awards 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.
2018 Recipients

♦ SMTA+ Corporate Partnership Award ♦

The SMTA+ Award was presented to Indium Corporation.

As a corporate SMTA member for over 30 years, Indium has shown support at every level of the association from supporting chapter and board leadership positions to technical contributions for conferences, committees, and most importantly their willingness to share technical knowledge with others in the industry. They embody the SMTA mission by encouraging employees to become members, attend meetings and share their knowledge. Indium is most deserving of this honor.

♦ Technical Distinction Award ♦

This award was presented to Luu T. Nguyen Ph.D., Texas Instruments Inc.

The member of Technical Distinction Award recognizes individuals who have made significant and continuing technical contributions to the SMTA. This year the Awards Committee selected Luu Nguyen, Ph.D., Texas Instruments, as the recipient of this prestigious award. Dr. Nguyen has been a key contributor to the advancement of packaging technologies for more than 25 years. He has co-edited two books on packaging, produced over 200 publications and has over 70 patents and invention disclosures. He played an important role in the International Wafer-Level Packaging Conference as a speaker, chair and member of the technical committee for several years, and currently serves on the Hutchins Grant committee.

♦ Founder's Award ♦

This award was presented to Raiyo Aspandiar, Ph.D., Intel Corporation.

The Founder’s Award recognizes members who have made exceptional contributions to the industry, as well as support and service to the SMTA. This year, the SMTA selects Raiyo Aspandiar, Ph.D., Intel Corporation, to receive this prestigious award. SMTA and the electronics industry have benefited immensely from Aspandiar’s support over the years. His contributions of leadership to the journal, nominating, strategic development and technical committees, as well as the VP of Technical Programs, have truly set the standard for bringing educational and technical opportunities to the SMTA.
2018 Recipients

♦ Excellence in Leadership Award ♦
This award was presented to Steve Greathouse, Plexus Corp.

The Excellence in Leadership Award honors SMTA members who stand out as strong leaders in the Association. The 2018 recipient of this award is Steve Greathouse, Plexus Corp. Greathouse has been dedicated to the success of the SMTA for over 20 years. He has demonstrated his leadership experience as VP Communications on the Board of Directors, holding various roles on the Intermountain Chapter leadership team, as a member of the SMTA International technical committee, internet committee, marcom committee, and as an SMTA Ambassador. The SMTA thanks Greathouse for his many valuable years of service.

♦ International Leadership Award ♦
The International Leadership Award was awarded to Keith Bryant.

Keith Bryant has dedicated to the success of the SMTA for many years as a speaker, exhibitor, session chair and a technical committee member for several major conferences. Bryant has played a critical role in the leadership team responsible for the transition of the UK-based SMART Group organization into SMTA Europe. Bryant’s international leadership is upheld by his continued commitment to the success of the SMTA.

♦ International Leadership Award ♦
The International Leadership Award was awarded to Soeren Noerlyng, MICRONSULT.

Soeren Noerlyng has served the SMTA as an active member for over 20 years. He has served on the steering committee of the Pan Pacific Symposium and as a session chair for the past 18 years. He presented multiple papers that have solidified the Pan Pacific Symposium as a leading technical conference. The SMTA thanks Noerlyng for his many years of contributions and support for its international events.
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