2020 SMTA Members of Distinction Annual Awards

Request for Nominations

Deadline | June 5 | 2020
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.
2019 Recipients

♦ SMTA+ Corporate Partnership Award ♦

The SMTA+ Award was presented to Intel Corporation.

As a corporate SMTA member for 20 years, Intel Corporation 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. Intel is most deserving of this honor.

♦ Technical Distinction Award ♦

This award was presented to Dudi Amir, Ph.D., Intel Corporation.

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 Dudi Amir, Intel Corporation, as the recipient of this prestigious award. Dudi Amir has been a senior process engineer at Intel Corporation since 1994. He has been awarded 9 US patents in package and board technologies. Dudi is an authority on two key technical concerns in the industry - Head on Pillow and Non-wet Open defects for BGA solder joints. He has played an important role in the SMTA International Conference as a speaker, chair and member of the technical committee for several years as well as presenting many papers and instructing workshops.

♦ Founder's Award ♦

This award was presented to Charles Bauer, Ph.D., TechLead 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 Charles E. Bauer Ph.D., TechLead Corporation, to receive this prestigious award. SMTA and the electronics industry have benefited immensely from Dr. Bauer’s support over the years. His contributions of leadership to the Oregon Chapter and Board of Directors, as well as technical contributions such as founding the Pan Pacific Microelectronics Symposium, have truly set the standard for bringing global awareness to the SMTA.
2019 Recipients

◆ International Leadership Award ◆

The International Leadership Award was awarded to Ivan Romo, SmartSol Technologies.

The Excellence In International Leadership Award recognizes members who have provided outstanding support and leadership to the SMTA’s international members, chapters, or educational programs. The recipient selected for this award is Ivan Romo, SMarTsol Technologies. Ivan has been instrumental in growing the SMTA Guadalajara Chapter and various activities all over Mexico since joining the leadership team in 2012. Mr. Romo continually advocates for SMTA participation, dedicating his own company resources to support chapter needs when necessary. Through his extensive network with local and international suppliers, Ivan helped grow the Guadalajara Expo to the hugely successful event it is today, supporting the major demand for networking and education as manufacturing increases in Mexico.

◆ Excellence in Leadership Award ◆

This award was presented to Greg Kloiber, Ducommun.

The Excellence in Leadership Award honors SMTA members who stand out as strong leaders in the Association. The 2019 recipient of this award is Greg Kloiber, Ducommun. Greg Kloiber has been dedicated to the success of the SMTA for over 20 years. He has demonstrated his leadership experience in various roles on the Wisconsin Chapter leadership team. Greg brings a high level of energy, optimism, inclusiveness, and FUN to SMTA; key attributes for increasing participation in the organization. The SMTA thanks Greg for his many valuable years of service.
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