



2018 SMTA Members of Distinction Annual Awards

Request for Nominations

Deadline | June 1 | 2018

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.*

2017 Recipients



◆ SMTA+ Corporate Partnership Award ◆

The SMTA+ Award was presented to **Plexus Corp.**

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



◆ Technical Distinction Award ◆

This award was presented to **Paul Vianco, Ph.D., Sandia National Laboratories.**

This year the Awards Committee selected Paul Vianco, Ph.D., Sandia National Laboratories as the recipient of this prestigious award. Paul's commitment to quality and sound technical information exchange is unparalleled, evidenced by his participation in more than 29 SMTA events, including paper presentations, course instruction, or serving as a panelist and chairing/co-chairing sessions. Paul has also been a reviewer for the Journal of SMT for many years.



◆ Founder's Award ◆

This award was presented to Frances Stewart, UP Media Group.

The FOUNDER'S AWARD SMTA Founder's Award Winner at SMTAI honoring members who have made exceptional contributions to the industry as well as support and service to the SMTA, was presented by several past SMTA presidents to Frances Stewart, UP Media Group. SMTA and the electronics industry have benefited immensely from Frances's ardent support and leadership over the years. Her contributions of leadership as a chapter officer, committee member, and as a past member of the Board of Directors have truly set the standard for SMTA.

2017 Recipients



◆ Excellence in Leadership Award ◆

This award was presented to **Luis Sastoque, Team Manufacturing**

Luis has been 100% dedicated to the success of the SMTA. There are few leaders who have served their chapter as an officer for so many years. Much of the Carolinas Chapter's success can be credited to Luis's hard work. SMTA has always been able to depend on him to get the job done.



◆ International Leadership Award ◆

The International Leadership Award was awarded to **Bev Christian, Ph.D., HDPUG**

Over the years Bev has accomplished much in the SMTA organization. He has been an integral part of the success of the ICSR (now ICEET) conference which draws attendees from well beyond Toronto, further demonstrating our international reach. Much of this success can be credited to Bev's hard work.

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