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AWARDS' POLICY

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is reserved for persons who have furthered the goals of the Academy through efforts that are beyond the ordinary. In addition, something of distinct and unusual value should have accrued to the Academy because of the efforts of the awardee. The contribution of the individual should not be self-serving. The wording of the award should be individualized to the specific recipient and what he/she has contributed to the Academy. The nominating process should be initiated by the President of the Academy and the award should be approved by the members of the Academy Board of Directors. Because of these highly selective criteria, the award should not be considered to be an annual event, although it could be awarded in consecutive years. The amount of the award and its funding source should be under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Academy.

The Board of Directors voted that this award be presented to non-dermatologists only.

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award:

Bradford W. Claxton, CAE, 1981
Murray P. Gruber, 1988
Lawrence E. Rosenthal, PhD, 1990
Cheryl K. Nordstedt, 1991
John T. Grupenhoff, PhD, 1996
Stephen P. Clark, 2001
Thomas G. Pearson, EdD, 2002
Thomas H. Stluka, 2003
Rob Larson, 2004
Charles Stiefel, 2007

GOLD MEDAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

The Gold Medal is the American Academy of Dermatology's highest award. It is presented on a highly selective basis in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service to the specialty of dermatology in the science, teaching and practice of cutaneous medicine and surgery. It should also be considered for those who have made an outstanding and exceptional contribution to the administrative aspects of this specialty, nationally or internationally.

The Gold Medal of the American Academy of Dermatology should be awarded only to dermatologists who are active, senior, or former members of the American Academy of Dermatology.

The statement of explanation accompanying each individual award should be appropriate to the particular attributes and contributions of the person being honored. No two awardees will fit the same mold.

NOTE: Gold Medal awardees are selected by the President and automatically become Honorary Members of the Academy.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article III, Section 2(j); Article IV, Section 1(c)

Meritorious Achievement. Leadership and service that affirms an uncommon and sustained dedication to dermatology in the goals of the Academy would be the primary consideration. In most cases, the honorary membership would be bestowed for a "lifetime" of dedication and distinguished service.

Age. There should be no set age. In most cases those who have experienced a meritorious career will be in the senior age group, but it is possible that an exception could occur, so it is preferred not to state an absolute figure. In most cases, individuals so selected would be 65 years of age or over.

Academy Office. Having previously held prominent office in the Academy should not be a determining factor as the honorary membership should be bestowed for individuals on behalf of all of dermatology and not necessarily the AAD.

Soliciting Nominations. The general membership should be informed at least annually through Academy publications and/or announcements that nominations for honorary membership may be submitted by any member of the AAD to the Secretary/Treasurer on an official nomination form at least six months before the next annual membership meeting of the Academy, provided that the Board of Directors may waive or alter this notice requirement in exceptional circumstances. The person(s) nominating a potential honoree should submit a brief biography, including accomplishments and reasons for granting honorary membership.

Role of Board of Directors. The decision for granting honorary membership rests with the Board of Directors, and they must have the freedom to respond on the basis of each individual candidate.

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARD

The Young Investigators Awards are in recognition of the significant research efforts being conducted by dermatologists in training throughout the dermatology community. Each awardee receives an engraved commemorative and a cash award, which is shared between the investigator and his or her sponsoring institution.

MASTER DERMATOLOGIST AWARD

I. The Award

This Award recognizes an Academy member who throughout the span of his or her career has made significant contributions to the specialty of dermatology as well as to the leadership and/or educational programs of the American Academy of Dermatology.

II. The Criteria

- a. The recipient should possess a national or international presence and a well-recognized expertise.
- b. The recipient should be a longstanding member of the American Academy of Dermatology.

III. Nominations

- a. Requests for nominations shall be solicited annually from the Academy membership at large via *Dermatology World* as well as from the members of the Board of Directors and the Academy's History Committee.
- b. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the History Committee, c/o the AAD office at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c. Additional nominations may be made during the annual session by members of the History Committee.
- d. No sitting member of the History Committee shall be eligible for nomination.

IV. The Selection Process

- a. The recipient shall be selected at the History Committee's annual session and shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting.
- b. The name of the individual selected by the History Committee to receive the Master Dermatologist Award shall be held in strict confidence until the recommendation is approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. The History Committee shall prepare a concise summary of the recipient's accomplishments and significant contributions to the field of dermatology and to the Academy.

V. Recognition

- a. The recipient shall receive a commemorative plaque and recognition at the time of the Annual Meeting and in *Dermatology World*.
- b. The recipient's photograph shall be placed in Academy Heritage Collection at the AAD headquarters.