

PES Awards Highlights

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Dear PES members:

2017 has had great progress. You may have noticed some the enhancements to our Awards web site announced in May. Thanks to **Maureen Dalton** (m.dalton@ieee.org), **Shanon Nason** (s.nason@ieee.org) and other PES staff for their efforts to quietly manage the tasks of PES Awards and get ready for the Gala Fiesta planned for July 18, celebrating our 2017 Fellows and Awards recipients.

Before we review progress highlights for the 2017 PES Awards, on behalf of the IEEE PES members, , and the PES Governing Board, we wanted to extend a sincere Congratulations to the 2017 Awards recipients and our IEEE Fellows for their Vision, Leadership, and Innovation achievements, <http://www.ieee-pes.org/ieee-pes-society-level-award-winners-2017>. In addition to the IEEE PES Fellows, IEEE PES has 24 Awards and Scholarships. We are very proud to be part of the recognition ceremonies of our colleagues, **“Congratulations and Hoorays”**. If you are planning to attend the upcoming PES General Meeting, please set aside a few minutes on **Monday Evening (July 17)** to congratulate your colleagues. There will be announcements at the PES GM, and banners to direct you to the area where the Awards Recipients will be gathering.

We extend gratitude to the Founding Benefactors that have helped to support the PES Award Endowment Fund, which enables us to honor our colleagues with many of our awards. We also extend our most sincere salutation and kudos to many volunteers that help with the success of the PES Awards including the nominators, reference writers, endorsees, local chapters, and peers that volunteer numerous hours of personal time. We cherish your passion and thank you for helping PES with your remarkable energy and commitments. Please continue your support and keep up the great work. You will be recognized as part of the Gala Reception if you have registered to attend the Awards Reception.

Thank You!!

Summary of Enhancements and Upcoming Workshops

PES recently shared some of the enhancements in mid-May by announcing the 2017 Awards recipients. We can now use the enhanced look to know more about the PES Awards in a snapshot, observe various types of Awards and Scholarships.

The “Important Information” corner will retain key dates and useful news, and we can locate PES FAQ and Contacts under the Awards History amongst other great information. Under the “Important Information” section, we can locate Awards related workshop announcements both in-person and web based opportunities. One example, the Workshop for the on-line nomination process for future Awards nominations, is planned for **July 17 (2:00 3:30 PM) as part of the PES GM**. At this workshop, and future web-based sessions, the PES team will review enhancements ranging from streamlining the Nomination

and Evaluation process, to aligning start and completion timelines of the nomination, to promoting more industry scientists and practitioner recognition.

IEEE PES and Leadership remain committed to recognizing outstanding contributions and to help elevate our work become more visible to our corporations and institutions that make it possible for all of us to volunteer our time and energy. We need to continue our role as the central point of technical knowledge and information, as we navigate through emerging technologies and manage new challenges. In light of the technological advancements across the entire PES, the sustainability of the DER, successful Smart Grid integrations, and many natural calamity disasters and events including Geomagnetic Disturbances, many eyes are on PES. IEEE PES produces approximately 50% of our industry's Guides and Standards, and we are the second largest society in the IEEE. With your help and ideas to improve our process, we will make PES even more visible, increase our membership, increase our Awards nominees, and if needed, increase number of Awards categories.

In addition to leveraging opportunities to meet with you in person at various PES Events across all IEEE Regions, we intend to use established PES process such as the P&E magazine, PES Social Media and PES website for communicating more detailed announcements and in-depth information about the enhancements.

We will also look at ways to make it easier to submit your ideas related to the Awards.