

## **The Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award is established by SAVIAC to honor individuals who, through a lifetime of professional dedication, have made outstanding contributions to the knowledge of, or practice in, the field of shock and vibration.

### **Award Criteria**

- 1) The Lifetime Achievement Award shall be made to a person whose contributions to the field of shock and vibration are of such magnitude that they significantly improved the state of the art or state of practice at the time. Such contributions can be in the form of written publications, oral presentations, inventions, or program funding that directly caused such changes. The Award may also be given in recognition of an individual whose lifetime cumulative effect has been to significantly advance the state of the art or practice in the field. Demonstrated personal leadership in the shock and vibration community is an essential qualification for the Award.
- 2) No individual may receive the Award more than once.

### **Governing Charter**

- 1) The SAVIAC Program Manager shall solicit nominations for the Award from the community. The SAVIAC Program Manager shall collect and verify the completeness of the nomination package, and shall submit these packages to the SAVIAC Director. Each nomination must be accompanied by supporting evidence of qualifications (see attached nomination forms).
- 2) The SAVIAC Program Manager shall submit to the SAVIAC Director a list of prominent members of the community from which the Director shall select three to serve on a Selection Committee to evaluate the nomination. The Director may augment the list with other members from the community as needed. At least one member of the final Committee will be from outside the technical area of the nominee. The SAVIAC Director shall appoint each member and the Committee Chair annually. The sole purpose of the Committee is to evaluate the nomination, and it shall cease to exist upon completion of the evaluation.
- 3) The Committee will make a recommendation to the SAVIAC Director to make the Award or not to make the Award, or the Committee may request more information from the SAVIAC Program Manager. A recommendation to make the Award should be accompanied with a citation and a suggestion on who should present the Award. A recommendation not to make the Award should be accompanied by a statement detailing the reasons for the determination.
- 4) The SAVIAC Director shall make no Award if no suitable nominations are received.
- 5) The Award shall consist of a plaque displaying the name of the Award, the name of the recipient, the year of the Award, and a suitable citation. The Award shall be presented at the annual Shock and Vibration Symposium.
- 6) This governing Charter may be amended by the SAVIAC Director at the recommendation of the Award Committee, or for other reasons. It is anticipated that changes to the Charter will be rare.