

Nick Thompson Fellowship Award

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Policy:

The Nick Thompson Fellowship Award confers lifetime free EMWA membership and free registration at EMWA conferences on the elected fellows. It is intended as recognition of service to EMWA above and beyond the normal responsibilities of the membership or elected offices. It also serves to encourage continued contribution to the organisation.

Procedure:

Nomination

1. Nick Thompson Fellowship Award Holders and EC members may not nominate candidates. Any other EMWA member may nominate a current member for the award.
2. Nominations should be submitted in writing (a justification of a minimum of 250 and a maximum of 400 words) to the current President who, provided she or he does not feel the nomination to be frivolous, passes it on to a panel comprising existing Nick Thompson Fellowship Award Holders who debate the nomination in private (via e-mail).
3. The panel should judge on the basis of contributions and service to EMWA. Current membership in EMWA is necessary. Current membership on the EC is irrelevant, but the award will normally be given to people who are unlikely to seek the presidency in the future.

Approval

1. If the panel decides for, the President is informed. She or he presents the EC with the written assessment from the panel, with a request to endorse the decision. The EC, as the only legally constituted representative body, has the final say. Although the EC would not normally gainsay the panel, they retain that right in appropriate circumstances.

Rejection

1. If the panel decides against, the President is informed and no-one else is ever aware that the process was initiated.

Implementation

1. If a nomination is approved, the President will inform Head Office who will ensure that the award holder will not be charged for membership or conference registration in the future. Head Office will add the name of the award holder to the Nick Thompson Fellowship Award picture frame and will buy an appropriate gift as a keepsake. The frame and gift will be presented to the award holder at a suitable occasion, for example, but not limited to, the Spring Conference banquet. Following the presentation, the frame will be stored by Head Office.
2. Note that the Nick Thompson Fellowship Award Holders are authorised to decide on the award of the Fellowship, but may not make decisions on any other aspect of the award. In particular, they may not make decisions on the benefits conferred to award holders.