Definition: A Pioneer in Reclamation is any person who has made recognized and long-term contributions to the advancement of the art and science of reclamation of mined lands.

General Considerations:

♦ A Pioneer in Reclamation may be any person who has contributed or achieved significant accomplishments in the broad field of mined land reclamation in any country.

♦ A Pioneer in Reclamation may have made contributions that, over time, may have become outdated, or superseded by new refinements; but, those contributions, even though no longer applicable, may have been a catalyst or foundation for new approaches, without which the new approach may not ever been developed.

♦ A “pioneering” accomplishment must be demonstrated over a period of time to be a basic finding from which new developments and/or techniques are/were developed. A unique finding, new discovery, or an innovative reclamation practice shall not qualify a person as a Pioneer in Reclamation on its own merits.

- Mined lands shall mean lands disturbed by mining and/or the primary processing for all minerals. This would include geological exploration activities, surface and underground mining, waste product disposal areas such as overburden or spoil piles, refuse and slurry disposal areas associated with coal washing and processing, mill tailings disposal areas from metal and industrial mineral processing (including uranium and other radioactive minerals), water pollution control or treatment resulting from mine drainage, de-watering, and seepage, and/or surface runoff. Activities addressing subsidence from underground mining may also be considered. Reclamation activities may have been performed on active, inactive, or abandoned mined lands.

- Reclamation activities shall include the fields of soils, vegetation, wildlife habitat, geotechnical stabilization, erosion control (wind and water), hydrology (surface and groundwater), drainage control (including geomorphology), but shall not be limited thereto.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nomination Information

Nominations may be made by any member of the American Society for Mining and Reclamation. The nomination must adhere to the format described below and the completed
nomination will be submitted electronically to the ASMR Awards Committee Chair. The nomination must include the documentation required by the format and two letters supporting the nomination (a third letter can be included from the nominator. Incomplete or improper nominations will not be considered and the nominator will be asked to correct the deficiencies if time allows or asked to resubmit the nomination for consideration the next year.

Nomination Format

♦ Nominee’s name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if nominee is deceased a contact persons name, address, telephone number and e-mail address must be included to enable recognition certificate to be sent to ‘recipient’)

♦ Status of nominee: currently active; retired; deceased.

♦ Employment history of the nominee to include location(s).

♦ Nominator’s name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

♦ A description of the nominee’s qualifications that meet the criteria of a Pioneer in Reclamation. Include specific contributions or accomplishments. Provide specific details, including year or years of specific achievements. Examples can be used and any publications supporting can be cited. This section cannot exceed two single-spaced typed pages.

  • Planning and implementing reclamation projects that were innovative, were the first of their kind, or were accomplished under harsh or difficult conditions.

  • Discovered or developed new techniques or procedures that became standard, or that were the foundation of a technique or procedure.

  • Provided leadership roles in developing practical approaches to reclamation regulatory considerations.

♦ No more than two letters of recommendation/support. These letters and letter that may be submitted by the nominator should be included in a single electronic file.

Nomination Review

Nominations shall be reviewed by members of the Pioneers in Reclamation Committee for eligibility determination and qualification. Nominations confirmed by the Pioneers in Reclamation Committee and deemed qualified will be recognized at the annual awards banquet by the Chair of the ASMR Awards Committee.