

1.1.1. PESA Distinguished Membership Award

The PESA Distinguished Membership Award recognises an outstanding long term commitment to the Society (including leadership and involvement in Committees), the profession and to the upstream industry. It is the highest honour bestowed on an individual member by the Society. "A Distinguished Member has all the rights of an Active Member but shall not be required to pay any subscription.

No more than one Distinguished Membership Award shall be made in a single year and that an individual can only receive the award once. Recipients of the Distinguished Membership Award will receive a suitable inscribed certificate and medal.

1.1.2. PESA Meritorious Service Award

The PESA Meritorious Service Award recognizes who voluntarily provide exceptional service to PESA at State or Federal level over a significant period of time. No more than three Meritorious Service Awards shall be made in a single year and an individual can only receive the award once. Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award will receive a suitable inscribed certificate and medal.

State Branch Committees nominate candidates to the Federal Executive (

Both awards will not be awarded more frequently than annually at a ceremony at the PESA AGM, held at the APPEA Conference. If in the opinion of the PESA Federal Executive suitably qualified candidates have not been nominated, consideration of the awards shall be deferred until the following year.

Recipients of these awards must be members of PESA. The PESA Best Presented Paper Award will continue to be presented at the annual APPEA Conference.

1.1.3. Conditions of Eligibility for PESA Awards

There are no limitations regarding nationality to being considered for a PESA Award however financial membership of PESA is required.

- Unless the Federal Executive otherwise agrees, a recipient of the award shall be able and willing to present themselves in person to receive the medal at the next Annual General Meeting.
- If the recipient of either PESA award dies after ratification of the award by the Federal Executive it may be awarded posthumously.
- Nominations for the awards shall be called annually through advertisements in PESA News and through each Branch Committee. The Secretary of each Branch Branch shall have nomination forms available for nominees. Nominations will be held current for one year - if unsuccessful, nominations must be resubmitted in the following year.

- The call for nominations shall be made in late August of each year with a closing date for receipt of nominations of 31 October.
- The decision regarding the awards shall be made at the last Federal Executive meeting in the year.
- Nominations for PESA Distinguished Membership shall be accompanied by a nomination form, details of the nominee's participation in the Australia upstream petroleum industry and/or their contribution towards PESA, the nominee's academic and professional record (as appropriate), the names of two prominent financial Active or Distinguished Members of PESA or the industry supporting the nomination and prepared to act as referees for the nominee and the endorsement of the Branch Committee.
- Nominations for the PESA Meritorious Service Award shall be accompanied by a nomination form, details of the nominee's contributions to PESA, the endorsement of the Branch Committee and the names of two prominent financial Active or Distinguished Members of PESA supporting the nomination and prepared to act as referees for the nominee.
- The Federal Executive shall consider each nomination at the last meeting of the year and shall take adequate steps to verify the matters set out in the nomination. Matters may be referred back to the Branch Committee for reconsideration or further information, or the Federal Executive may endorse for recommendation for submission to and adoption by members at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting (PESA Constitution, p. 5, Item 18).
- At least 75% affirmative vote of the Federal Executive shall be required for approval. If such approval is withheld the nomination shall not be put to members in that year.
- Following approval of the Federal Executive the successful nominees are to be notified and their name(s) and details of the grounds for the award(s) shall be sent to all PESA Members for consideration together with a ballot paper and the notice and minutes of the next Annual General Meeting of PESA.
- Normal PESA voting procedures shall be followed (i.e. PESA Constitution, p. 21-23, Items 85-91).
- The Federal Committee shall prepare a suitable citation and shall thereafter conclude arrangements for its presentation at the PESA Annual General Meeting.