

SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL MECHANICS, INC.

Guidelines for the Sia Nemat-Nasser Medal

NAME OF THE AWARD:

The Sia Nemat-Nasser Medal

TO BE AWARDED:

The award should be given bi-annually.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:

The award is to recognize an individual for distinguished, innovative and outstanding work that has realized the impact of experimental mechanics on other scientific and engineering fields through an integrated multidisciplinary research.

THE AWARD SHALL CONSIST OF:

A plaque¹ recognizing the recipient and containing a likeness of Sia Nemat-Nasser (similar to the Murray plaque), presented at the Awards Luncheon conducted in conjunction with the SEM Annual Conference and an amount of \$5,000.00USD provided from donations received from Sia and Eva Nemat-Nasser. The recipient attends the Award Luncheon as a guest of the Society.

FUNDING FOR THE AWARD AND RELATED ISSUES:

The award will be funded by donations from E. and S. Nemat-Nasser.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- (1) The recipient should be recognized for outstanding contributions during his/her career.
- (2) There should be no affiliation or nationality restriction on the recipient, only the excellence of contributions to experimental mechanics and its impact on other scientific fields.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:

- (1) The selection of a recipient shall be the responsibility of the SEM Honors Committee or whichever such group within SEM shall be charged with selecting the recipients of other society awards.
- (2) The identification of suitable candidates for this award shall be the responsibility of the SEM Honors Committee and shall be carried out following a procedure that is consistent with that used to identify suitable candidates for other society awards.

¹ The plaque shall consist of a hardwood base 8" x 10" or larger in size, a metal plaque bearing the name of the award, the name of the recipient, an appropriate citation (*i.e.*, "For distinguished, innovative contributions in optical methods of experimental mechanics"), and the date of presentation.