

NESACS 2012 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Dorothy J. Phillips, Chair, Awards Committee
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The purpose of the Awards Committee is to nominate members of the Section for Society, divisional or other awards and to select recipients of the Henry A. Hill Award and the Philip L. Levins Memorial Prize. The committee is responsible for the notice and publicity as well as selection of guests for the ceremonies for these awards. The Awards Committee interacts with the Program Committee and Hospitality Committee for both ceremonies.

New Awards Committee members are selected from previous award winners and on the basis of knowledge of the Northeastern Section membership and activities. The Section chair is an ex officio member. Committee members also meet when necessary to select awardees, inaugurate new awards and to canvass for nominees for other Section awards.

A sub-committee selects and nominates section members for ACS Fellows; an ACS Fellow serves as chair of this sub-committee. These NESACS nomination packages are submitted to the national body for consideration by the ACS Fellows Selection Committee.

NESACS 2012 ACS Fellows

NESACS 2012 ACS Fellows Nominations Committee was composed of John Neumeyer, Chair, Patrick Gordon, Charles Kolb, Ralph Scannell, Robert Lichter, Thomas Gilbert, Barry Snider and Ruth Tanner, ex officio. The call for nominations appeared in the March 2012 edition of the Nucleus.

The ninety-six 2012 ACS Fellows received their lapel pins and certificates at the National Meeting in Philadelphia at a ceremony on Monday, August 20, 2012, hosted by ACS Immediate Past-President Nancy B. Jackson in recognition of their outstanding achievements in, and contributions to science, the profession, and the Society. The following three NESACS members were among those honored as ACS Fellows: Ramanathan Nagarajan (U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development, and Engineering Center), Lawrence T. Scott (Boston College), and Jeffrey I. Steinfeld (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

NESACS 2012 Henry A. Hill Award

Henry A. Hill was Chairman of the Northeastern Section in 1963. He was Director of the ACS in 1971-1975 and was elected in the fall of 1975 to serve as President-Elect in 1976 and became President in 1977. The Henry A. Hill Award for Outstanding Service to the Northeastern Section is awarded annually to a member, to a former member, or in memory of a deceased member or former member of the Section who has made outstanding contributions to the Section's programs and activities.. Each such award comprises a plaque and a scroll suitably engraved with an appropriate citation. It is awarded annually at a regular meeting of the Northeastern Section

unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors. The first award in 1980 recognized Dr. Hill, posthumously. The previous recipients of the award are listed on the NESACS website.

The call for nominations for The Henry a. Hill Award was made in April 2012. The award selection committee included Dorothy Phillips, Chair, Joe Billo, Steve Lantos, Doris Lewis, Don Richter, Michael Singer and Ruth Tanner. Dr. Michael P. Filosa, Senior Manager at ZINK Imaging, Inc. of Bedford, MA was the recipient of the 2012 Henry A. Hill Award. The award was presented to Dr. Filosa at the October 13, 2012 meeting of NESACS (picture).

The Phyllis A. Brauner Book Award

The committee on Education administers the Phyllis A. Brauner Book Award. The award was presented at the Education Night Awards on May 10, 2012. Allen Shih of Harvard University was the recipient; his advisor was David Liu.

The Arno Heyn Memorial Book Prize

Long time Nucleus business manager, Karen Piper, was the 2012 recipient of the Arno Heyn Memorial Book Prize (picture). The prize is awarded annually to a person who has made substantial contributions to the publications of the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society. The prize honors the memory of Arno Heyn, editor of the Nucleus from 1986-2003.

Recognition of Service to ACS

The 50, 60 and 70 year members of the American Chemical Society were honored at the October 13, 2012 meeting of NESACS. Madeleine Jacobs, Executive Director and CEO of ACS, attended the meeting and assisted in presenting the certificate s and plaque. Vivian K. Walworth received special recognition as a 70 year member of ACS (pictures).

New topic: Canvassing for Nominees for NESACS Awards

Dialogue concerning increasing the number of nominees for NESACS awards by exploring current practices and recommending new ones for canvassing has been initiated; Esselen, Richards and Norris awards as well as ACS Fellows nominations are included (see table below). The plan was to bring this topic to the long-range planning meeting in June and back to the Board in the fall of 2012 for action, if necessary. At its September 13, 2012 meeting the Board gave approval for the Esselen committee to implement a canvassing committee. The Esselen Committee is implementing this plan.

Awards	National vs. NESACS	2012 Deadline for applications	Month presented
Canvassing Potential			
Gustavus John Esselen	National nominees	October 15, 2012	April
James Flack Norris	National nominees	April 15, 2012	November
Theodore William Richards	National nominees	November 1 (every two years)	March (every two years)
Theodore William Richards Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary School Chemistry	NESACS geographical area	April 15, 2012	May
Not considered for canvassing*			
Lyman Newell Grants	National nominees	Approx June 25	Summer
Philip L. Levins Memorial Prize	NESACS geographical area	March 1	May
Arno Heyn Memorial Book Prize	NESACS member		November
Henry A. Hill Award	NESACS member	July/August	October
Phyllis A. Brauner Book Award	Student within NESACS area		May

* Call for nominees in Nucleus in some cases

References for Report: 2012 Edition of the Nucleus, NESACS website, Award Committee monthly written reports to the NESACS Board.