



ARO Award Committee

The Committee's main task is to select a recipient of the ARO Award of Merit. We seek to identify people who made extraordinary scientific or clinical contributions in the fields that are represented within the organization: hearing, balance, and clinical otolaryngology. Several considerations underly the way we make the choices:

- 1) Because areas are not represented equally in the organization, we make a special effort to identify deserving individuals even in the smaller areas.
- 2) We also make a special effort to honor differing areas in succeeding years.
- 3) We want the members of the organization to have a significant voice in making these choices.

To meet those goals, it is essential that members of the Committee are widely respected, that together they represent the areas of the ARO, and that they are excluded from being recipients of the Award for the duration of their appointment.

We begin the process by examining the responses to the annual questionnaire, and ranking nominations by the number of times they are made. In addition, we also seek nominations from past recipients of the Award of Merit. Those are sent to members of the Committee before the Midwinter meeting so that each member of the Committee can use these lists to come up with a ranked short list. At the Midwinter meeting members of the Committee meet and discuss the lists. Together we come up with a short list of about 5 or 6 nominees. Each member of the Committee then ranks those candidates. If two candidates at the top were very close, we have occasionally had a final vote between the two.

The Chair of the Award of Merit Committee assumes responsibility for identifying a close friend or associate of the Recipient who is willing to serve as Master of Ceremony. In the few months before the midwinter meeting the Chair communicates with the Master of Ceremony (and with the leadership of the ARO and PMG) to assure that the ceremony is appropriately organized.

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