

AGCSA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- 1. Purpose.** The Alabama Golf Course Superintendents Association (AGCSA) shall present an award of Distinguished Service (in the name of the first person elected to the position) to an individual or individuals, providing such an individual(s) is properly nominated and subsequently accepted by the Board of Directors of the Association.

- 2. Nominations.** Any member of the AGCSA, currently in good standing, may nominate an individual(s) at least sixty (60) days prior to the Fall Board of Directors meeting. The timing of this meeting is to be determined by the President. Evidence of substantiation must accompany the nomination. Nominations are to be sent to AGCSA's address. The nomination form will be of standard format as agreed upon by the Board of Directors from time to time. The nominee shall also agree to let his/her name stand for consideration.
 - 2.1.** Information and publicity in the initial call for nominations shall be posted and allow sufficient time to meet the sixty- (60) day deadline. A call for nominations will go out to members at least 90 days prior to the Fall Board meeting.
 - 2.2.** Copies of the nomination and all supportive evidence shall be submitted to the entire Board of Directors for their perusal prior to the Fall Board of Directors meeting. All nominations will be placed on the agenda of the fall meeting to be considered for selection by the Board of Directors.
 - 2.3.** All Distinguished Service Award nominations and supporting materials submitted to AGCSA's Board of Directors become the sole property of AGCSA and are to be kept in the strictest confidence. Requests for copies of nominations or supporting materials cannot be fulfilled.
 - 2.4.** After a winner is selected, the remaining candidates' applications will be kept on record, and will be subsequently considered for selection for a period of two years.

- 3. Qualifications.** To be accepted for the Distinguished Service Award, a nominee must meet the following qualifications:
 - 3.1.** Must have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession in Alabama. The contribution must be significant in both substance and duration.
 - 3.1.1.** The outstanding contribution may be, or have been, national or regional in nature. This contribution must be held in the highest regard and reflect credit upon our profession.
 - 3.2.** The nominee must not have been a recipient of this award during the preceding ten (10) years.

- 4. Eligibility.** Current members of the AGCSA Board of Directors and their immediate families are ineligible to receive the Distinguished Service Award.
 - 4.1. All nominations are to be attested by two current AGCSA members in good standing.
 - 4.2. Non-members of the AGCSA may be considered for nomination.
 - 4.3. Educators, and industry affiliates may be considered for nomination.
- 5. Judging.** The Board of Directors of the AGCSA shall be the sole judge of the nominee's qualifications to receive the award. The procedure to be used by the Board for determining DSA recipients is that a two-thirds vote is required of the directors present to award the DSA to any nominee. If time is of the essence, a vote may be conducted by a fax or e-mail survey of the Board.
- 6. Presentation.** The award is presented during the Annual Meeting or at a "President's reception" or as deemed appropriate by the Board.
 - 6.1.** The outgoing AGCSA president shall introduce the recipient of the award, and shall present the Distinguished Service Award Crystal to the recipient. This crystal will be of consistent format for future years.
 - 6.2.** The recipient shall make a brief acceptance speech and pose for appropriate photographs during the awards presentation.
 - 6.3.** The recipient will be encouraged to submit an article for publication in the Alabama Green newsletter outlining his/her career and accomplishments.
- 7. Expenses.** The AGCSA shall provide the following for the Distinguished Service Award recipient:
 - 7.1.** The AGCSA shall reimburse all expenses to attend the AGCSA Annual Meeting (if non-member or researcher receives award) upon presentation of receipts. These expenses may include, and are not limited to, reasonable expenses incurred for travel, lodging and meals, not to exceed \$500.