

## Motion #107: Appointments to Awards Committee

As specified by Society Policies, as President I nominate the following six people to serve on the Society's Awards Committee, to take affect immediately: David Andersen, Andy Ford, David Lane, Erling Moxnes, Khalid Saeed, and Kim Warren.

In case you have not been following the Winter PC Meeting discussion on the Policy Council list serve, according to Society Policies the duties of the Awards Committee are as follows:

The Awards Committee shall establish, with approval of the Policy Council, awards and scholarships, and procedures for choosing recipients of awards and scholarships, to be made in recognition of outstanding contributions to system dynamics. The Committees established to administer the awards will follow the approved procedures in selecting those to receive the designated awards.

It seems clear that the intent of Society Policies is to have an umbrella committee and then separate committees to administer specific awards. As of now, we have the Forrester Awards Committee, the Dana Meadows Awards Committee, and the Applications Awards Committee. At the time the Society was founded, the only award was the Forrester Award, and that committee was the only awards committee. Now we have three awards, but the Forrester Awards Committee still serves as the umbrella committee. While we could continue with the Forrester Committee as the umbrella committee, it seems time to establish a separate umbrella awards committee as implied in the Society Policies. Not only does the Forrester Awards Committee has plenty to do managing that award, it seems desirable to have broader input into the establishment of possible additional Society awards, the management of the awards, and their funding. There are also issues related to awards proposed and funded by outside parties, and how they fit into the conference program and are distinguished from Society Awards. The idea for such an umbrella committee was discussed and approved at the face-to-face Policy Council Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>; additional reaction seems to be positive, and therefore my next action is to appoint such a committee, with Policy Council approval, as specified in Society Policies.

My proposal is that the Awards Committee consist of six members: three who are former Presidents and/or JWF award winners, and three who are representatives from the existing awards committees. Society policies specify that committees consist of at least three members with staggered terms; in order to have 3-year terms, the committee would need to be either 3 or 6 members, so I opted for 6. Two-year terms would allow for a 4-member committee, but this seemed too small given three members would come from the representatives of the three existing committees. My nominees are:

- Khalid Saeed (JWF Committee)
- Andy Ford (DM Committee)
- Kim Warren (Applications Committee)
- David Andersen (Past president and JWF)
- Erling Moxnes (Future president and JWF)
- David Lane (JWF)