

Awards Committee Minutes 7-29-2010

1. Business as usual. The specific award committees did not report any thing new.
2. Community service award committee decided not to give an award this year.
3. In response to a query from a SIG, it was reiterated that SIGs are free to determine their respective awards, but the society guidelines for an award should be followed.
4. Following action items resulted from the meeting at Seoul, attended by Khalid Saeed (chair), Erling Moxnes, Andy Ford (members) and John Sterman (guest).
 - a) It was reiterated that a work considered for a system dynamics award should address systems with a causally closed boundary subsuming behavioral relationships forming feedback loops, focus on internal dynamics and provide a causal explanation of the system behavior, while it may use any valid modeling protocol for addressing dynamic problems. Specific award committees please take note of these characteristics while considering candidates.
 - b) Simultaneous multiple awards to the same candidate(s) should be avoided to assure some spread in a particular year. In particular, both Dana Meadows award (a society award) and Barry Richmond scholarship (an external award) are given for student work and their criteria may overlap. It is suggested that the chairs of the two award committees communicate with each other to avoid recurrence of simultaneous multiple awards to the same candidate(s).
 - c) SIG's can autonomously give subject-specific awards.

Award committee members will electronically vote on these item.

Minutes reported by Khalid Saeed, 7-29-2010