



FELLOW PROCEDURES

Approved by ION Council June 2004

1. Introduction

The Fellow grade of ION membership was established to honor individuals who have made sustained contributions to the advancement of navigation and/or to the Institute.

2. ION Affiliation

Election to Fellow Member will be restricted to either current and former ION Members. Former ION Members, if elected, would be non-voting Fellow Members.

3. Honorary Fellow

The Council authorizes the creation of Honorary Fellows for non-members of the Institute. Members of other national institutes of navigation are considered in this category. This membership level shall be a non-voting designation intended to honor outstanding performance by non-members of the ION. Honorary Fellowship will not be awarded posthumously. The total number of Honorary Fellows will be limited to no more than one for every 10 authorized Fellow Members, rounded up to the next integer.

4. Posthumous Election

Posthumous election of Fellows is authorized for deceased members of the Institute through the year 2005.

5. Basis for Nomination

An individual may be nominated for selection as a Fellow Member or Honorary Fellow on the basis for his/her distinguished sustained professional contributions to the advancement of the Technology, Management, Practice and Teaching, of the Arts and Sciences of Navigation, and/or for lifetime contributions to the Institute. The intent is to select Fellows for sustained contributions, rather than specific accomplishments, for which other awards are more appropriate.

6. Number of Fellows

6.1 Posthumous Election

The total number of currently deceased individuals who may be elected to is limited to no more than one per year of establishment of the Institute.

6.2 Normal Election

It is the intent of the ION to honor Fellows during their life time. The quota for election will be set at 0.1% per year of the total number of professional members and corporate designees, rounded up to the next integer value. This means that the Council will be authorized to elect up to three individuals per year if the Professional Membership of the Institute is from 2000-3000 members; four individuals per year if the membership rises from 3001 to 4000, and so forth.

7. The Fellow Selection Committee

7.1 Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Fellow Selection Committee shall be selected annually by the Council, according to the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

7.2 Other Members

The Chairperson shall select five or more members to serve on the Selection Committee. The committee membership will be limited to previously selected Fellows. The Selection Committee membership roster shall be presented to the Executive Committee by one month prior to the December 1st deadline for nomination submissions.

8. Evaluation Criteria

Primary Factors

A. Sustained professional contributions to the advancement of the Arts and Sciences of Navigation in one or more of the following areas:

- Technology
- Management
- Practice
- Teaching

It is desirable to maintain a balance of professional backgrounds in the selection of ION Fellows. This includes Fellows that come from industry, government and academic backgrounds. Special consideration should be given to practitioners and technologists in both industry and government, as well as science and technology managers in industry

and government. It should be recognized that professionals from academic backgrounds are more likely to have a greater number of publications than other professionals, but contributions to the art and science of navigation are also evidenced by breakthrough designs, products and demonstrated leadership and management skills.

- B. One-page references provided with nomination form
- C. Papers published at ION conferences. Recognizing that ION has only started holding classified sessions within the past decade, consider references to classified reports/papers if identified on the nomination form.
- D. Awards received from ION or other navigation-related awards
- E. Number of years working in navigation

Secondary Factors

- A. Level of Participation on ION Council (Positions Held)
- B. Level of Participation in ION Conference organization (Program Chair, Session Chair)
- C. ION Membership (How Long)

9. Voting

A Nominee must receive votes from a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Selection Committee if it is to be endorsed for action by the Executive Committee. If a nomination is submitted by a member (or members) of the Selection Committee, those members must recuse themselves from voting for that nominee. The selections shall be presented to the Executive Committee by January 10th to be submitted to the Council for approval at the January Council Meeting. Council approval requires a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Council.

10. Nominations

Only ION members may submit nominations. All nominations must be in conformance with ION award nomination guidelines, and must be submitted by December 1st. Nominees from previous years that were not selected may be reconsidered by the Fellow Selection Committee for up to three years. Each year, the Selection Committee Chairperson shall submit these nominations to the ION office to be passed on to the following year's Selection Committee.