Criteria for Metal Powder Industries Federation
Powder Metallurgy Pioneer Award
(Adopted by Action of the Board of Governors, 1960, Amended 1997)

PURPOSE

To recognize outstanding individuals in all aspects of the broad fields of powder metallurgy who have been constructive in the pioneering development and advancement of the industry. By calling public attention to the importance of the work of the recipient of the Award, others will be encouraged to devote their talents and careers to the PM industry.

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTATION

The criteria for consideration in submitting nominations are set forth below and will also serve as a basis for the Awards Committee in making their selection. The Award will be presented at an appropriate annual or international conference sponsored by the Federation, in the form of an appropriate citation plaque. Presentation of this award may be made by the President of the Federation or his designee as a feature of the conference program, together with appropriate biographical remarks honoring the recipient. An acceptance response may be made if the recipient so desires.

It is the practice for the Award to be presented at the respective (international or World Congress) MPIF Technical Conference held every fourth year in North America. Unless otherwise indicated, nominations for that occasion will be closed on the first of February of the year the presentation is to be made.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations of prospective candidates to receive the Powder Metallurgy Pioneer Award may be made by any person either for himself or herself or for another living person actively employed or retired. They should be made on the official application form and accompanied by a letter and/or appropriate corroborative details.

Individuals in nomination or in consideration for nomination should not be contacted personally or in writing or in any way advised of the pending nomination. Advance knowledge of an individual's pending nomination can lead to embarrassment for all parties concerned.

Any individual who is once nominated as a candidate remains so for five (5) years at the discretion of the Awards Committee. Additional information regarding a candidate may be submitted to or solicited by the committee from time to time.

All nominations are held in confidence and the information contained therein is available only to the Awards Committee.

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Anyone is eligible to receive the Award who has made pioneering contributions to the arts and sciences of powder metallurgy and who, through his or her early basic work, ingenuity, persistence, creativity, foresight, courage, confidence and continuing efforts, has fostered growth and success of single or multiple fields of powder metallurgy. His or her efforts may have been made as an individual contributor, team worker, or leader in any one or more categories, the following of which are typical:

Research: Investigating and/or developing materials, methods, processes, products, techniques, equipment, etc.
Designing: Conceiving and/or engineering designs of products, tooling, manufacturing or processing equipment, to meet required functional and economic specifications.

Manufacturing: Planning, selection or supervision of operation of manufacturing or processing equipment.

Managing: Promoting and organizing new companies or divisions, financing, directing, supervising, etc.

Promoting: Envisioning and promoting new products or equipment, new concepts, new ideas, new methods, new uses, new modifications, etc.

Marketing: Commercializing and selling products, services and equipment; developing new markets, etc.

Writing and Speaking: Writing and/or giving papers, talks, articles and books relating to the technical application and/or economic aspects of powder metallurgy materials, products, processes, techniques, equipment, etc.

Teaching: Supervising and/or teaching courses in powder metallurgy, directing laboratory activities and encouraging students and associates in adopting a career in the industry.

Consulting: Independently studying, advising, planning and directing powder metallurgy activities for one or more groups of companies.

No time limitation is imposed on achievements eligible for consideration, so that any or all past pioneering accomplishments of a candidate may be included.