

# **SOS Career Recognition Award**

This award is intended for SOS members or alternates who have served on the committee long and in an exemplary manner. It can be bestowed only once to a given person. Anyone inside or outside the SOS can submit a nomination to the SOS Chair, or in her/his place, the Vice Chair.

The SOS Chair, or in her/his place, the Vice Chair distributes the nomination to all voting members of the SOS seeking an “aye” or “nay” vote. A simple majority of votes of the SOS committee members or alternates (one vote per SOS organization) minus the nominee is required for acceptance. Abstentions from voting effectively reduce the total number of votes required to accept the nomination.

In lieu of an “aye” or “nay” vote, any SOS member may request a meeting (conference call) of SOS members exclusive of the proposed recipient to resolve any concerns associated with the nomination.

Upon acceptance, the award letter is written by the nominating individual for the Chair or, in her/his place, the Vice Chair’s signature. A plaque is purchased and appropriately inscribed with funds available through the SOS parent Organization; and presented without prior notification to the recipient at the next SOS meeting, if possible, or via another mechanism that retains the personal nature associated with the award.