

SOS Outstanding Service Recognition Award, (to an SOS member or alternate, present or past):

Anyone inside or outside the SOS can present award nomination with written justification of any length to the SOS Chair, or to the Vice-Chair if the Chair is the nominee. SOS Chair or Vice Chair sends paper copy of the nomination via U.S. Mail to all SOS members other than the nominee, seeking "aye" or "nay" vote. Simple majority of votes of full committee minus the nominee to approve. Abstentions from voting effectively reduce the total number of votes required to accept the nomination. Instead of a simple "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. Award letter is written, signed, and justification attached by the Chair or Vice-Chair; plaque purchased and 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 by some other mechanism that retains the personal nature associated with the award. No sitting SOS Chair or co-Chair is eligible to accept the award.