

Southwest Decision Sciences Institute Outstanding Educator Award

This award is presented annually by the FBD on behalf of SWDSI (subject to the availability of funding). SWDSI will recognize the educator who has made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of Decision Sciences. The following criteria appear in the resolution establishing this award:

1. Active members of SWDSI are eligible for this award, although in exceptional cases nominees from non-SWDSI may be considered.
2. The contributions must be of significance and may include:
 - a. Excellence in teaching Decision Science discipline courses;
 - b. Educational innovation of Decision Science discipline courses;
 - c. Recipient of the teaching award at college or university or national level;
 - d. Authorship or editorship of significant Decision Science discipline textbooks;
 - e. Authorship of significant journal articles, book chapters, or monographs concerned with Decision Science discipline education;
 - f. Editorship of education related journal;
 - g. Leadership in Decision Science discipline curriculum development and program design;
 - h. Leadership in the development of Decision Science discipline education policy in academic and professional organizations; and
 - i. Recipient of the Instructional Innovation Award from the Decision Sciences Institute.

A nominee need not excel in each of these general criteria to merit consideration for the award. Previous recipients of the SWDSI Outstanding Educator Award are not eligible to receive the award a second time.

Procedure for Implementation of SWDSI Outstanding Educator Award

1. This award is given annually by FBD. **Only if FBD does not provide** this award in the future, then SWDSI will give the plaque. If SWDSI provides the plaque, then it will be in the form of a wooden plaque, at least 12" * 15" in dimension, with engraved metal attachment which will include:
 - the SWDSI logo
 - the name of the award
 - the name of the recipient; and
 - the year of the award
2. There will be a citation of educational achievement that the recipient has contributed to the discipline of Decision Sciences and the citation shall be printed as a page in the *Proceedings*.
3. The award will be presented to the recipient at the annual dinner hosted by FBD on Wednesday or at the annual SWDSI Business Meeting.
4. Nominations for the award will be sought annually, but there is no requirement that the award be presented annually.
5. The procedure for nomination and selection will be that:
 - a. Nominations will be solicited from the general membership in the Spring Newsletter for the award to be presented the following spring. The chair of the current committee will contact the chair of the committee from the previous year to determine if there were any candidates that should be considered again.

- b. Each person who makes a nomination, or the nominee(s), shall provide a nominee's vita and supporting documentation to the Selection Committee Chair. The supporting documentation should address how and why the nominee meets the award's criteria.
 - c. The information portfolio from each nominee will be copied and distributed to the members of the Selection Committee.
 - d. In a manner convenient for the Selection Committee, a joint decision shall be made prior to December 1 of each year to select a recipient or to determine that there will be no recipient.
 - e. If a recipient is selected, an appropriate citation will then be prepared by the Chair of the Selection Committee and sent to the Program Chair for inclusion in the *Proceedings*.
 - f. The Chair of the Selection Committee shall inform the SWDSI President of the names of the nominees for the Outstanding Educator Award and the recipient, if any. The President will inform each nominee of the Selection Committee's decision and thank each nominee for his/her contributions to the discipline of Decision Sciences.
6. The Outstanding Educator Award Selection Committee will be composed of five members to be appointed by the incoming President. Of the five members, at least two members have to be selected from the Advisory Council and three members from the previous recipients of this Award. The President of the Southwest Region will appoint one of the previous recipients to serve as a chair.