The Hans Burger Award is an award to recognize an outstanding contribution to healthcare engineering by a Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) member. The award may be granted annually to a CHES member which is judged by the Society to have the highest met criteria established for the award.

Purpose

1. The purpose of the award is to recognize a CHES member as a mark of recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of healthcare engineering.
2. To publicize this achievement through the CHES periodicals and other related publications.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

1. Be a member of CHES. All members of CHES in good standing are eligible for the award.
2. Be a resident of Canada.
3. Demonstrate an achievement that is either a series of contributions or one outstanding contribution.

Submission Requirements

1. Submissions for awards are to be delivered to the National Office of CHES no later than April 30th of the award year.
2. Submission must include a letter of endorsement from the local CHES Chapter for the nomination.

Judging

1. Submissions will be judged by the CHES National Membership Committee.
2. The Membership Committee will review all submissions for compliance with the criteria, evaluate and score each submission.
3. The Award sponsor may observe the Membership Committee judging process (including review, evaluation, scoring and selecting) but will not actually score or select the submissions. The record of scoring will not be shared with the sponsor.
4. A record of the scoring to the criteria shall be confidentially maintained by the Membership Committee and made available only to the National Board upon request.
5. If the Membership Committee deems that none of the submissions for the award meet the expected criteria levels, they will recommend to the National Board that the Award not be presented that year.
6. Recommendation for the Award will be submitted in writing by the Membership Committee Chair to the CHES National Board of Directors for consideration.
Criteria

The following criteria will be used for judging of the submission:

- Displays leadership in a CHES Chapter.
- Demonstrates achievements and or impact to a healthcare facility and / or organization.
- Demonstrates results in a special project that showcases leadership in healthcare facility and / or organization for other members.
- Dedicated volunteer time for CHES special events such as the Trade Show and Education Forum.
- Dedicated volunteer time serving a number of positions on Chapter and/or National Boards.
- Displays eagerness and enthusiasm to improve and benefit the CHES Chapter and / or CHES National organization.

Notification of Recipient

The following process will be used for notification of the award to the recipient:

1. The award recipient will be contacted by the CHES National Office by phone and advised of being selected for the award.
2. The CHES National Office will forward the formal letter, by mail and email, from the CHES President acknowledging the selection of the recipient for the award.
3. The National Office will copy the CHES President, the local CHES Chapter and endorser on the formal communications.
4. Once the letter has been sent, the Award Sponsor will be notified that they may contact the recipient.
5. The CHES National Office will send a formal letter via mail and email outlining the details of the Award and what expenses are covered by the award for the recipient(s) to attend and receive the award at the gala evening.

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