



SWAAAE AWARDS

Description of Qualifications

Airport Executive of the Year: The Airport Executive of the Year Award is the highest honor and award presented by the Chapter and recognizes an airport executive who has demonstrated exceptional performance.

Nominations may be based on (but not limited to) the following elements:

1. Courage.
2. Leadership.
3. Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives.
4. Demonstrable impact on airport, industry, and business in general.
5. Innovativeness.
6. Moral dimension, personal character (Is there a coherent "higher" purpose?).
7. Executive's respect/beacon of excellence/reputation.

Eligibility

Recipients of the Airport Executive of the Year are nominated by their peers and must be current members of the Chapter and in good standing.

Aviation Excellence Award: The "Aviation Excellence Award" is intended to recognize those airport management professionals who are not primarily responsible for the operation of the airport or in cases where the airport is part of a system of airports, the candidate is not responsible for the system of airports. The award recipient is a person of exceptional qualities who is positioned second in command and below. This includes but is not limited to administration, engineering, planning, environmental, operations, maintenance, and emergency response type functions.

Nominations may be based on (but not limited to) the following elements:

In the past year, the recipient has overcome significant challenges, created and implemented innovative policies and/or gone above and beyond their normal duties in the aviation community.

Eligibility

Candidates of the Aviation Excellence Award are not eligible if they are the primary person responsible for an airport or system of airports (i.e. – Airport Director, Airport Manager, or Executive Director). Candidates must be at least one-position subordinate to the primary person responsible for the airport. Candidates must be a current member of the Chapter and in good standing.

Wanamaker Award: The Robert "Wanamaker Award" was established by the California Association of Airport Executives (CAAE), the forerunner organization to SWAAAE, to honor the memory of Robert Wanamaker, a long-time member of the association and Executive Emeritus. Robert Wanamaker was the owner of the airport in El Monte, Los Angeles County from 1954 through 1971. He joined the CAAE in 1958 and served on numerous committees and as President in 1964. As an attorney, Robert Wanamaker gave generously of his time to the solving of legal matters for the CAAE.

The Wanamaker Award recognizes individuals who are not currently exercising active responsibility for the management, general supervision, or administration of a public-use airport who have devoted their skills, talent, personal resources, time, or alliances in the betterment of airports or aviation in its entirety.

Nominations may be based on (but not limited to) the following elements:

1. Support, charitable dedication, volunteer work.
2. Legacy of achievements.
3. Examples of leadership in the airport and / or aviation profession.
4. Impacts on profession, airports, industry.
5. Contributions to next generation.

Eligibility

Candidates of the Wanamaker Award are eligible to persons who are not currently exercising active responsibility for the management, general supervision, or administration of a public-use airports. Nominations for the Wanamaker Award are open to all persons who have had a lasting impact in airport management or the aviation industry in its entirety. Candidates are not required to be members of SWAAAE.

Corporate Award of Excellence: SWAAAE recognizes the benefits Corporations provide to the airport industry and the Chapter. Corporations, airports, and SWAAAE are not mutually exclusive. Corporations complement and move the airport industry forward in strategic and sometimes unimaginable ways while providing critical support to airports and SWAAAE.

The "Corporate Award of Excellence" is awarded to a Corporation who has demonstrated outstanding visionary, innovative, and strategic thinking through its contributions toward the advancement of the airport and aviation industry as well the goals and objectives of its clients. The award recognizes that Corporation who has exemplified its success consistent with the vision and values of the Association.

Eligibility

Candidates must be a current Corporate member of the Chapter and in good standing. The definition of Corporate and Corporation are defined by the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws.

Award of Distinction: The Award of Distinction recognizes those few members of the Chapter who have served SWAAAE and/or promoted the Chapter or aviation with uncommon dedication. The criteria for this award is intentionally general to allow for extraordinary efforts and achievements over time that are not otherwise recognized in other award categories.

Nominations may be based on (but not limited to) the following elements:

The recipients of this award are judged to have provided extraordinary performance in furthering SWAAAE's goals, programs, and efforts or advancing the cause of aviation. Candidates have shown:

1. Evidence of leadership, technical competence, high character and integrity.
2. Extraordinary efforts in advocating for the Chapter, or proactively performing the work of the Chapter.
3. Extraordinary efforts in advocating for aviation.
4. Other evidence of merit, which in the judgment of the Awards Committee, in advancing the objectives of SWAAAE.

Eligibility

Candidates must be a current member of the Chapter and in good standing.

Young Professional Award: The SWAAAE Young Professional Award is to recognize young airport industry professionals who are 40 years of age and are judged to have attained significant professional achievement. The recipients of this award represent the future of the industry and will set new standards for the support and growth of airport industry, as well as the SWAAAE brand. They are valuable assets in their organization, communities, and are moving the airport industry forward.

By developing and recognizing future leaders, SWAAAE is laying the foundation for the industry to continue to innovate, grow, and inspire future generations of SWAAAE members.

Nominations may be based on (but not limited to) the following elements:

1. Evidence of leadership, technical competence, high character and integrity.
2. Advocate for the airport industry.
3. Service to the advancement of the airport's profession.
4. Other evidence of merit, which in the judgment of the Awards Committee, in advancing the objectives of SWAAAE.

Eligibility

Current members in good standing who are 40 years of age or less on June 30 are eligible to be nominated.