REC-107: Journal Outstanding Paper Award– September 25, 2008

Purpose
This policy outlines recognition of outstanding papers published in the INCOSE Systems Engineering Journal by the Journal Awards Committee.

Eligibility
Only Journal Papers that were published during the preceding year are eligible for the Journal Outstanding Paper Award in the current year.

Selection
Selection shall be made by the Journal Awards Committee. An Editorial Chair, appointed by the Board of Directors, will lead the Journal Awards Committee. The Chair and six (6) Associate Editors shall serve three (3) year terms.

The Journal Awards Associate Editors are represented by:

(a) Three (3) members from Academia.

(b) Three (3) members from Industry and Government.

A Chair or Associate Editor that has written a candidate paper under review shall abstain from the paper evaluation and voting process during the Journal year.

The Journal Awards Committee will screen all papers published during a Journal year based on evaluation criteria determined by the committee. Each paper screened receives a numeric score and one (1) vote from each eligible committee member.

Each eligible Associate Editor will select two (2) papers in a Journal year as candidates and present supporting documentation to the Editorial Chair.

The Editorial Chair will aggregate the information received and distribute a list of candidate papers to the Associate Editors for discussion and selection of the Journal Award recipient.

Presentation
At most one (1) Journal Outstanding Paper Award will be presented each year. The Journal Outstanding Paper Award will be presented as soon as reasonably possible after selection, nominally during the annual International Symposium.