REC-111: Benefactor Award – June 27, 2013

Purpose
The Benefactor Award is intended to recognize an individual member or group, who by their actions and personal generosity has contributed uniquely to the enhanced reputation and recognition of systems engineering in society-at-large.

Eligibility
Individual members(s) who have contributed toward increasing the recognition and appreciation of systems engineering through multiple and sustained contributions to society-at-large are eligible for nomination and consideration for this award.

Examples of such actions are monetary contributions toward the education of students, or the emergence of a new chapter; use of systems engineering to the betterment of a humanitarian effort (such as community rebuilding); elevation of systems engineering to a national or international attention (such as publication of a Foresight Report).

Nomination
Any INCOSE member in good standing may initiate a Benefactor Award nomination but they may only nominate or provide a letter of support for one (1) individual or group for Benefactor per year. The nominator shall prepare a nomination letter describing the contributions made by the nominee that qualify them for consideration for this award. The nomination letter must be accompanied by a minimum of three (3) detailed letters of support. Of the three letters of support, at least two (2) shall be from INCOSE members in good standing. Each letter of support must be from an individual other than the nominator and shall state the supporter’s qualifications for supporting the nomination and why they believe the nominee is qualified for consideration for this award. The nominee shall be living at the time of the nomination.

The nominator shall assemble the nomination letter and the letters of support into a nomination package and submit the nomination package to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee not later than 28 February for consideration. Nomination packages received after that date will not be considered.

Selection
The Honors and Awards Committee (see CMT-100) shall evaluate the Benefactor Award nomination packages and make a rank-ordered recommendation to the Board of Directors of a
maximum of three candidates for the award. The Board of Directors shall approve the award recipient at the Second Calendar Quarter Board of Directors meeting by voted resolution. Once the Board of Directors’ approval decision is made, the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee shall prepare the citation for the Award and provide the citation to the INCOSE Admin within two (2) weeks following the Board of Directors’ decision.

**Presentation**

The Benefactor Award is limited to a maximum of one (1) per year. It is anticipated that this award will not be granted annually. The Benefactor Award will be announced at the annual International Symposium with a reading of the citation. Recipients of the Benefactor Award shall receive a complimentary full registration and one (1) additional complimentary dinner ticket for the banquet at the annual International Symposium in the year of their Award.

SUPERSEDES: New

APPROVED BY: INCOSE Board of Directors, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, June 27, 2013

MAINTAINED BY: President-Elect