

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

A National Award of Excellence to Recognize Contributions to the Canadian Seed Industry and the Canadian Seed Trade Association

The Canadian Seed Trade Association's Honourary Life Membership Award is presented annually to an individual, in honour of their significant volunteer contribution to the Canadian seed trade and to the Canadian Seed Trade Association. Honourary Life Members have the same privileges accorded to CSTA Associate Members.

The award consists of an engraved plaque and a Honourary Membership lapel pin which are presented at an awards ceremony at CSTA's Annual Meeting. CSTA pays the cost of travel, accommodation and meeting registration for the award winner and an accompanying guest.

Eligibility of Nominators

Nominations for a CSTA Honourary Life Membership Award will be accepted from anyone who is a member of the Canadian Seed Trade Association. Only one Honourary Life Membership will be awarded each calendar year.

Eligibility of Nominees

Nominees for the CSTA Honourary Life Membership Award must have contributed volunteer time to the Canadian Seed Trade Association and the Canadian seed trade over the course of his/her lifetime of work in the seed business. This could include serving as CSTA President; Board member; CSTA committees, or as a CSTA representative to industry committees. The nominee must be living at the time of the nomination. CSTA reserves the right to not present the award if no nominees meet the criteria.

Selection Process

The selection committee will be the CSTA Executive Committee and the CSTA Executive Director. The Executive Committee will recommend the recipient to the CSTA Board of Directors for consideration at its February board meeting. Nominations that are not selected may be carried over for submission to the Board in the following two (2) years.

Notice and Process

Following the selection, the nominator will be notified and asked to inform the award winner that he/she has been selected. Once the recipient has been notified by the nominator, CSTA will contact the winner to provide additional details. CSTA membership will be notified in the spring. A news release announcement will be made immediately following the awards ceremony.

Nomination Instructions

Any CSTA member may submit a nomination.

A call for nominations will come from CSTA annually in November. Nominations should be submitted to the CSTA office by no later than January 15th of each year.

Nominations should be accompanied by the following supporting data and information:

- 1) Name, position, affiliation, address, telephone and email of nominee
- 2) Name, position, affiliation, address, telephone and email of nominator
- 3) Description of the contributions of the nominee to the Canadian seed trade
- 4) Description of the contributions of the nominee to CSTA
- 5) A letter of support from one additional CSTA member

CSTA must receive the nomination by no later than January 15th, 2018.

Please send the completed nomination, with accompanying letters of support, to the attention Kim Sabourin, Communications and Member Engagement Coordinator. Nominations may be submitted by email or mail. Receipt of all nominations will be confirmed with the nominator by CSTA staff.

By email (preferred):

ksabourin@cdnseed.org – Please include “Honourary Life Membership Award” in the subject line.

By mail:

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