

# AOSA BYLAW PROPOSAL 10

**Purpose:** To define “Merit Award” and add a procedure for selection of award candidates to the Association bylaws.

**Present:** There are currently 2 references within the bylaws concerning the “Merit Award”, the first one

Article V 3a. (1) c. Presidential Duties

(c) Approve appointment of committee members; Serve (d) as chair of the Merit Award Committee.

**And** Article V 3(2)b Vice Presidents Duties

(b) To solicit candidates for the AOSA Merit Award according to award guidelines. (2017)

Based on the bylaws no Merit Award committee exists. Proposal text taken from 2016 request for nominations sent out via email by past president Susan Reed.

## **Proposal:**

### **Article XVIII Merit Award**

Eligible candidates must either be an AOSA Affiliate Member, AOSA Associate Member, AOSA Honorary Member, AOSA Allied Member, a person engaged in seed testing, or a person whose major field of interest has been, or currently is, seed technology. The candidate should have made significant contributions in at least three areas and these contributions made to AOSA or in the field of seed technology.

Nominations may be made by any AOSA Affiliate Member or AOSA Associate Member. The name of the candidate submitted to the Executive Board must be accompanied by a concise summary indicating the significance and value of the candidate’s achievements to AOSA. achievements should be listed in the order set forth below.

#### **CRITERIA:**

1. Candidate has served in two or more of the offices of the association. These may include the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Board Member or Chairperson of a Standing Committee.
2. Candidate has appreciably advanced research in the field of seed technology. A list of literature citations should be submitted as proof of achievement.
3. Candidate has effectively furthered the use of high-quality seed through continued extension activity on a state, provincial, or national basis. Specific examples of accomplishments and/or literature citations should be submitted.

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4. Candidate has contributed significantly to education in the field of seed technology. This may include teaching of college courses or short courses and may also include books or training manuals on seed technology written by the nominee.
5. Candidate has established a reputation as an efficient and progressive administrator in the correlation of seed testing and seed law enforcement. Achievements in this area should be at the national as well as state level.
6. Candidate has made worthy contributions to seed testing at the international level.

## Remove part of Presidential Duties (In RED)

### Article V 3a. (1) c. Presidential Duties

(c) Approve appointment of committee members; **Serve (d) as chair of the Merit Award Committee.**

## To add to Vice Presidential Duties (In RED)

### Article V 3(2)b Vice Presidents Duties

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