

Honorary 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 (CSTA) Honorary Life Membership Award is presented annually to an individual, in honour of their significant volunteer contribution to the Canadian seed trade and to the CSTA. Honorary Life Members have the same privileges accorded to CSTA Associate Members.

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

Eligibility of Nominators

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

Eligibility of Nominees

Nominees for the CSTA Honorary Life Membership Award must have contributed volunteer time to the CSTA and the Canadian seed trade over the course of his or her lifetime of work in the seed business. This could include serving as CSTA President, Board member, on 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. CSTA also reserves the right to modify the eligibility criteria.

Selection Committee

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. Additional supporting information may be submitted in the second and third year, however, it is not necessary to submit an entirely new nomination package.

Notice and Process

Following the selection, the nominator will be notified and asked to inform the award winner that he or 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 of the winner in the spring of each year. A news release announcement will be made immediately following the CSTA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon.

Nomination Instructions

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; and
- 5) A letter of support from one additional CSTA member.

CSTA must receive the nomination by no later than **January 15th, 2020**.

Please send the completed nomination, with accompanying letters of support, to the attention of Liz Lumsden, Manager, Communications and Member Services. Nominations may be submitted by email (preferred) or mail. Receipt of all nominations will be confirmed with the nominator.

By email:

llumsden@seedinnovation.ca | Please include "Honorary Life Membership Award" in the subject line.

By mail:

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