

2018 Professional Awards

The Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy



Each year The Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy (SB-ASA) presents 7 awards to professionals devoted to the agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental sciences or closely related field. The SB-ASA is now soliciting nominations for the **Early Career** (<10 years since terminal degree) and **Career** (>10 years since terminal degree) Professional Awards to be given in each of these areas: **Education, Research, and Technology Transfer**. The SB-ASA will also present an **Agronomic Industry** Professional Award to an individual in the private sector. All nominees must be members of the American Society of Agronomy and active at the National and Southern Branch levels. Candidates may be nominated by any active member of the American Society of Agronomy. Members are urged to submit nominations for their candidates without delay. One electronic copy of the completed nomination should be sent to:

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All nomination materials must be received by Friday, January 5, 2018. For additional information about these awards, contact Dexter Watts.

Early-Career Professional Awards

These awards are conferred by the SB-ASA to recognize outstanding scientists in the first 10 years of their professional careers (10 years from completion of the terminal degree to being awarded at the SB-ASA meeting in February) who are members of the Society and active at the national and Southern Branch levels. Candidates may be nominated by an active member of the American Society of Agronomy.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION FOR EARLY-CAREER PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

LAYOUT: Type in 12-point font, 1-inch margins, and number page on bottom right.

TITLE: Nomination of (insert name of nominee) for the (insert name of award) Award.

NOMINEE: Include name, date and place of birth, mail address, telephone number, and email address.

QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEE:

1. Degrees received (field, date awarded, and institution).
2. Professional positions held (position title, dates of employment, and institution).
3. Membership in academic societies.
4. Honors and awards received.
5. Professional publications (on one page give total number of professional publications in various categories and then list only the 12 most significant publications in citation form).
6. Professional contributions other than publications (2-page maximum).
7. Involvement and contributions to the American Society of Agronomy and the SB-ASA.

EVALUATION BY NOMINATOR: Summary and evaluation of significant contributions. Explain why nominee is qualified to receive award (2-page maximum).

SUPPORTING LETTERS: Include no more than three one-page supporting letters solicited by and addressed to the nominator. Members of Awards Committee and Executive Committee are not eligible to write supporting letters.

Career Professional Awards

These awards are conferred by the SB-ASA to recognize outstanding scientists with more than 10 years of service in their professional careers (from completion of the terminal degree) who are members of the Society and active at the national and Southern Branch levels. Candidates may be nominated by an active member of the American Society of Agronomy.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION FOR CAREER PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

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NOMINEE: Include name, date and place of birth, mail address, telephone number, and email address.

QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEE:

1. Degrees received (field, date awarded, and institution).
2. Professional positions held (position title, dates of employment, and institution).
3. Membership in academic societies.
4. Honors and awards received.
5. Professional publications (on one page give total number of professional publications in various categories and then list only the 12 most significant publications in citation form).
6. Professional contributions other than publications (2-page maximum).
7. Involvement and contributions to ASA and the SB-ASA.

EVALUATION BY NOMINATOR: Summary and evaluation of significant contributions. Explain why nominee is qualified to receive award (2-page maximum).

SUPPORTING LETTERS: Include no more than three one-page supporting letters solicited by and addressed to the nominator. Members of Awards Committee and Executive Committee are not eligible to write supporting letters.

Agronomic Industry Professional Award

The Agronomic Industry Professional Award will be conferred by the SB-ASA to recognize soil and crop scientists that work in the private sector. Individuals nominated should have one or more of the following ASA/SSSA certifications: certified crop adviser (CCA), certified professional agronomists (CPAg), certified professional soil scientists (CPSS), or certified professional classifier (CPSC). Candidates may be nominated by any active member of the American Society of Agronomy. Members are urged to initiate nomination of candidates soon.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AGRONOMIC INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL AWARD

TITLE: Nomination of (insert name of nominee) for the Agronomic Industry Professional Award.

NOMINEE: Include name, date and place of birth, mail address, telephone number, and email address.

QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEE:

1. Degrees received (field, date awarded and institution).
2. ASA/SSSA certification and date of certification.
3. Employment record.
4. Involvement and contributions to the American Society of Agronomy and the SB-ASA.

EVALUATION BY NOMINATOR: Summary and evaluation of significant contributions. Explain why Nominee is qualified to receive award (2-page maximum).

SUPPORTING LETTERS: Include no more than three one-page letters solicited by and addressed to the nominator. Members of Awards Committee and Executive Committee are not eligible to write support letters.

2018 Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is comprised of the three preceding past presidents and one member-at-large selected by the committee.

Chairman: Dexter Watts, USDA-ARS, Past President, 2017

Members: Mark S. Reiter, Virginia Tech, Past President, 2016
Yoana Newman, Univ. of Wisconsin-River Falls, Past President, 2015
Stephen A. Prior, USDA-ARS, National Soil Dynamics Lab, Member-at-Large, 2018