

Peter M. Wright Medal

Terms of Reference

Named after its first recipient, the Peter M. Wright Medal provides recognition to long-standing supporters of the CSCE who have, over the course of decades, provided exceptional service and support to the Society.

Peter M. Wright has been a member of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and its predecessor, the Engineering Institute of Canada, since 1952. He played leading roles in developing and implementing the framework for the "modern" CSCE in 1972, and in creating the James A. Vance Award in 1977. He served as President of the Society in 1981/82. Peter was instrumental in founding the National History Committee in 1983, and has been a very active member since then. More recently, he has chaired the Life Members' Committee, leading an annual fundraising initiative that has generated regular income to both the CSCE and the CSCE Foundation, and, as an active member of the CSCE Past Presidents Council, he is regularly consulted for advice and corporate memory.

The Peter M. Wright Medal is awarded, under exceptional circumstances, for sustained service towards the prolonged sustainability and advancement of the Society.

The recipient shall be awarded a medal, plaque, and complimentary lifetime membership in the CSCE.

Members of the CSCE Honours and Fellowships Committee, the Board of Directors and Past Presidents shall be ineligible to be considered for the award until at least five years after the conclusion of their service in these roles.

Nomination shall be made by a CSCE Member in good standing who may be a member of the Honours and Fellowships Committee, the Board of Directors or the roster of Past Presidents. The nomination letter shall include a one-page summary of the nominee's contribution to the sustainability and advancement of the CSCE.

A Selection Committee comprised of three (3) members from the Honours and Fellowships Committee shall review the nomination or nominations (should more than one nomination be received in any year), to recommend that either one nominee be considered for the award, or that none of the nominees is sufficiently worthy to be considered. The final decision by the Honours and Fellowships Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors that an individual be awarded the Peter M. Wright Medal shall be unanimous.

Unsuccessful nominations shall not be carried over for reconsideration to subsequent years. A new nomination for an individual previously nominated shall only be considered if the individual has made additional significant contributions to the Society in the interval between nominations.