What Every SIG Chair Should Remember about ACM Awards

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“Promoting” Your SIG Members

• Are your members really being nominated for awards?
  o Often people just assume key figures are being nominated

• Your EC can be more proactive
  o Suggest candidates to people who would make good nominators
  o Tell them there’s guidance about what’s needed on awards.acm.org
  o Remind community of key deadlines
Focusing Your SIG’s Efforts

• Which awards are we talking about?
  o Some are discipline specific (you probably already know about those)
  o Other awards target specific career levels

• All described at awards.acm.org
  o “How to Nominate” page for each award gives specifics
Early Career (First 10 Years)

• ACM/Infosys Award
  o Contribution by “young” scientist/developer to a contemporary innovation with depth, fundamental impact & broad implications

• Grace Murray Hopper Award
  o Outstanding young computer professional of the year, on the basis of a single major technical or service contribution

• Also encourage Senior Members
  o Self-nominated, after 5 years ACM member
Mid Career (10-20 Years)

• Encourage **Distinguished Members**
  - Recognized for contribution to computer science research, practice, education, or policy

• **Lawler Award for Humanitarian Contributions in CS**
  - Individual or group who has made a significant humanitarian contribution through the use of computing technology
Late Career (20+ Years)

- **Distinguished Service Award**
  - Service contributions to the computing community at large

- **Kanellakis Theory & Practice Award**
  - Theoretical accomplishments that have had a significant and demonstrable effect on the practice of computing

- **Karlstrom Outstanding Educator Award**
  - New teaching methodologies, new curriculum development, or significant contribution to ACM's educational mission
Late Career (20+ Years)

• **Software System Award**
  - Institution or individuals who developed a software system that has had a lasting influence on computing

• **Encourage Fellows**
  - Recognized for outstanding technical, professional and leadership contributions
Now Is the Perfect Time

• The awards I’ve listed have a deadline of 30 Nov
  ○ There’s still time to find a candidate, contact a nominator, and help identify endorsers

○ Fellow and Senior/Distinguished Member deadlines are on the website

Help Your Members Be Recognized!