



**Science Teachers Association of Ontario
Association de professeurs des sciences de l'Ontario**

Awards Program

Terms of Reference for the STAO/APSO Life Member Award

This award is offered as a means of recognizing outstanding and sustained service to STAO/APSO over a period of many years.

In selecting the recipient, the committee considers primarily the nominee's significant contributions to STAO/APSO over a long period of time.

One or more Life member Awards may be presented each year.

Each recipient of the award will receive a framed certificate presented at a subsequent STAO/APSO annual conference or other appropriate event at which the recipient is to be honoured. If the award is presented at the STAO/APSO Annual Conference, the expenses for one night's accommodation, the conference registration, the Banquet or Luncheon at which the award is given, and travel expenses will be paid by STAO/APSO. At the discretion of the Executive, the recipient's spouse may be invited to attend the presentation.

Terms of Reference for the Irwin Talesnick Award For Excellence In The Teaching of Science

This award is named in honour of Mr. Irwin Talesnick, Professor Emeritus of Queen's University. Mr. Talesnick is a long time supporter of STAO/APSO and managed the STAO/APSO Resource Centre for many years.

This STAO/APSO award is offered as a means of recognizing excellence in the teaching of science in Ontario.

One or more of these awards may be given each academic year.

In selecting the recipient(s) of the award, the committee will consider primarily the nominee's sustained, exemplary performance as a teacher of science at any level. Unique and/or extraordinary accomplishments in science teaching are a requirement of the nominee.

Each recipient of the award will receive a framed certificate presented at a subsequent STAO/APSO annual conference or other appropriate event at which the recipient is to be honoured. If the award is presented at the STAO/APSO Annual Conference, the expenses for one night's accommodation, the conference registration, the Banquet or Luncheon at which the award is given, and travel expenses will be paid by STAO/APSO. At the discretion of the Executive, the recipient's spouse may be invited to attend the presentation.

The school or board office of the recipient will receive a plaque for display at the school or board office.

Terms of Reference for the Jack Bell Award For Leadership In Science Education

This award is named in honour of Mr. Jack Bell, who provided liaison between STAO/APSO and the Ministry of Education for many years. This award is to be presented to STAO/APSO members who have demonstrated outstanding and sustained leadership in science education in Ontario over a period of many years. The prime consideration in selecting the recipient of this award is the direct and substantial contribution to the large scale improvement of science education at the elementary, secondary or post-secondary level in Ontario.

Each recipient of the award will receive a framed certificate presented at a subsequent STAO/APSO annual conference or other appropriate event at which the recipient is to be honoured. If the award is presented at the STAO/APSO Annual Conference, the expenses for one night's accommodation, the conference registration, the Banquet or Luncheon at which the award is given, and travel expenses will be paid by STAO/APSO. At the discretion of the Executive, the recipient's spouse may be invited to attend the presentation.

One or more of these awards can be presented in any academic year.

Term of Reference for the STAO/APSO Emeritus Award

This award is reserved for a STAO/APSO member upon retirement. The STAO Emeritus Award recognizes exemplary leadership and excellence in the teaching of science over a career. These contributions may have occurred at the local, provincial or national level, but they must have been outstanding and sustained.

The award, consisting of a framed certificate, will be presented to the recipient by the STAO/APSO President or designate at the retirement function for the recipient or at some other suitable occasion. If the award is presented at the STAO/APSO Annual Conference, the expenses for one night's accommodation, the conference registration, the Banquet or Luncheon at which the award is given, and travel expenses will be paid by STAO/APSO. At the discretion of the Executive, the recipient's spouse may be invited to attend the presentation.

One or more of these awards can be presented in any academic year.

Terms of Reference for the STAO/APSO Merit Award

The STAO Merit Award is offered to recognize leadership and excellence in the teaching of science. The award may recognize a single outstanding accomplishment or may recognize excellence and leadership throughout a career. It may be presented during the person's career or upon retirement.

The recipient(s) of this award will receive a framed certificate that recognizes his/her specific accomplishments.

The award will be presented to the recipient by the STAO/APSO President or designate at a suitable occasion at which the recipient is recognized.

One or more of these awards can be presented in any academic year.

Terms of Reference for the STAO/APSO Service Award

The STAO/APSO Service Award is given to a member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the association.

The recipient of this award will receive a framed certificate that is presented at a suitable occasion as determined by the Awards Committee.

One or more of these awards can be presented in any academic year.

Award winners are invited to receive their awards at the annual STAO/APSO conference.