AMERICAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Committee on Honors
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Committee description/charge

The Committee on Honors (COH) is composed of five members of the Society who have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), National Academy of Engineering (NAE), and/or Institute of Medicine (IOM). The Chair of the Committee is the APS Past President, and the Society's Executive Director is an ex officio member, without vote. The duties of the COH are to:

- Coordinate the nomination process of APS members to National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Institute of Medicine (IOM), or organizations of similar stature
- Coordinate the nomination process of APS members for major scientific awards
- Identify APS members to serve on task forces or subcommittees with these organizations

Background

The Committee on Honors (COH) was established at the 2013 Summer Council Meeting and it was formed to address a longstanding concern of the Society, namely the inability of our members to gain recognition for their outstanding contributions to science by honorific bodies such as the NAS, NAE, and NAM.

Committee activities between Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

For the 2016 NAM nomination process, the Committee on Honors was chaired by David Pollock. The group arranged to nominate 2 individuals for the NAM. At this time, we do not have any information about the success of those efforts.

As we have done since the Committee on Honors was established, we have worked with APS members in NAM leadership positions to respond to calls for nominees to serve on NAM taskforces/panels. The APS leadership has worked to identify appropriate APS members to serve on taskforces/panels
addressing topics of interest to our membership, obtained CVs and brief descriptors for candidates and submitted them for consideration of service. It is unknown whether any of these candidates were selected for service. However, by putting their names forward, they do become familiar to those who may be involved with nominating individuals for IOM membership.

**Fall 2016 – Spring 2017**

Since the Chair of the COH is the APS Past President, Pollock’s term ended with EB 2015. Patricia Molina will serve as Chair of the COH through EB 2017.