December 1, 2014

TO: College of Engineering Faculty

FROM: Ian M. Robertson, Dean

RE: The Ragnar E. Onstad Service to Society Award

The Ragnar E. Onstad Memorial Fund was established to recognize teachers of engineers who have been leaders in contributing to the solution of society’s problems. The Ragnar E. Onstad Service to Society Award supported by this fund is a symbolic reminder of Mr. Onstad’s devotion, integrity, and application of knowledge for the advancement of society. The award recognizes and rewards faculty and researchers in the College of Engineering who inspire or demonstrate the use of innovation and engineering principles to benefit humanity.

In an attempt to increase the number of submissions, any innovation, technological advancement/application contributing to the betterment of society will be considered.

The award consists of a specially cast medallion and a stipend.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominees must be teachers of engineers, employed at least 50% time in the College of Engineering. Faculty and staff are eligible.
2. Previous recipients of this award are ineligible for the same accomplishments.

PROCEDURE

1. Nominations may be submitted by any College of Engineering faculty or staff member who has first-hand knowledge of an individual's qualifications. The deadline for submission of nominations is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015, and should be sent electronically to Peggy Conklin, pconklin@engr.wisc.edu.
2. Nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee.
3. Nominations will be kept on file for two years after the original nomination. Therefore, if a person nominated is not selected in the year they were first nominated, they will be considered a nominee in the following two years.
INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY NOMINATIONS

1. One or two paragraphs describing how the candidate has applied engineering principles to activities that help solve society's problems. Conducting good research alone and performing outstanding teaching alone do not qualify. Describe the length and extent of service beyond normal academic responsibilities, and provide examples of impact on society.
2. Curriculum vitae or resume, including academic degrees (when and where received), professional/technical society memberships, awards, years of service at the university, and other pertinent information.
3. Description and evaluation of the finalist's service to society.
4. At least three, but not to exceed six, letters of support from people familiar with the finalist's contributions to society.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Selection committee membership will consist of the previous award recipients and one representative from Research Products Corp.

The award will be presented at the annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS:

1995  C. Allen Wortley
1996  Willis F. Long
1997  Donald S. Ermer
1998  Donald M. Walker
2001  Phil J. Biebl
2002  Robert D. Lorenz
2004  Kenneth Potter
2005  Peter J. Bosscher
2006  David R. Zimmerman
2007  Pascale Carayon
2010  David Noyce
2011  Don Schramm
2012  Phil O’Leary
2013  No award
2014  Robert Radwin