Nominations Sought for 2019 William G. Hunter Award

The ASQ Statistics Division is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for its William G. Hunter Award for 2018.

William G. Hunter was the founding chair of the Statistics Division of the American Society for Quality Control (now American Society for Quality). His leadership as a communicator, consultant, educator, and innovator and his ability to integrate statistical thinking into many disciplines serve as exemplary models for the Division’s members.

Objective: The Statistics Division established the William G. Hunter Award in 1987 to encourage and promote outstanding accomplishments during a career in the broad field of applied statistics, and to recognize implementers who get results.

Qualifications: Any outstanding leader in the field of applied statistics, regardless of ASQ or ASQ Statistics Division membership status, is qualified. Candidates must have demonstrated a high level of professionalism, significant contributions to the field, and a history of inspirational leadership. A person may be nominated many times, but can win the award only once.

Procedure: The nominator must have the permission of the person being nominated and letters from at least two other people supporting the nomination. Claims of accomplishments must be supported with objective evidence. Examples include publication lists and letters from peers. Nominators are encouraged to read the accompanying article “William G. Hunter: An Innovator and Catalyst for Quality Improvement” written by George Box in 1993 (http://williamghunter.net/george-box-articles/william-hunter-an-innovator-and-catalyst-for-quality-improvement) to get a better idea of the characteristics this award seeks to recognize.

Nominations: Nominations for the current year will be accepted until June 30. Those received following June 30 will be held until the following year. A committee of past leaders of the Statistics Division selects the winner. The award is presented at the Fall Technical Conference in October.

The award criteria and nomination form can be downloaded from the “Awards” page of the ASQ Statistics Division website (http://asq.org/statistics/about/awards-statistics.html) or may be obtained by contacting Joel Smith (joelmcquarriesmith@gmail.com).