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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This regulation describes the terms of reference and membership of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Awards Committee.

2. KEYWORDS

Nomination, medals, prizes, honorific awards, recommendation

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

The Awards Committee recommends the award of RACS' own medals and prizes. These are considered upon the receipt of nominations. The Committee is only concerned with honorific awards and is not involved in decisions about the allocation of research and training awards that have monetary value or in recommending named lecturers.

3.2. Objectives

To recommend individuals for RACS awards to the RACS Council

3.3. Duties and Responsibilities

- To receive and consider nominations for the awarding of specific RACS awards.
- To recommend to Council individuals for RACS awards
- To encourage the nomination of individuals for RACS awards.
- To conduct investigations into the appropriateness of awarding particular awards to individuals.
- To promote and provide advice to Specialty Societies, State and Territory Committees, the Aotearoa New Zealand National Committee and Fellows on the awards available.
- To identify and support awards within the Order of Australia and the New Zealand Order of Merit.

3.4. Composition

3.4.1 Members

The Committee shall comprise the President and the four elected Office Bearers.

3.4.2 In attendance

The Executive Director of Surgical Affairs of Australia and the Surgical Advisers Aotearoa New Zealand, the Chief Executive Officer and Awards Committee secretariat will be in attendance.

3.5. Meetings

The Committee meets three times a year during Council week. The quorum shall be the President and two other members of the Committee.

3.6. Reporting

The Committee reports directly to Council. The Committee's proceedings shall be recorded in minutes as the Council determines.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

A list of the awards considered by the Awards Committee is attached.

Approver and Authoriser: Council

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ATTACHMENT 1**HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS – Usually decided at October meeting only****SINGULAR AWARDS (alphabetical order) – Usually decided at October meeting only**

- Award for Excellence in Surgery
- Companion of the College
- Court of Honour
- Sir Alan Newton Surgical Education Medal
- Sir Hugh Devine Medal
- Sir Louis Barnett Medal

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS (alphabetical order)

- Barbara and John Heslop Medal
- Colin McRae Medal
- ESR Hughes Award
- Gordon Trinca Medal
- John Corboy Medal
- RACS International Medal
- RACS Medal
- RACS Surgical Research Award
- Rural Surgeons Award

OTHER AWARDS

- Henry Windsor Lectureship