

Announcement

A new post: Laureate of the history of anesthesia

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The study of the history of anesthesia is an important, worthy, and honorable calling that adds to the richness of our specialty. To promote recognition of the importance of the study of the history of anesthesiology and to recognize scholars who have made singular contributions to the field, the Trustees of the Wood Library Museum of Anesthesiology (WLM), an affiliate of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, have initiated a new post, that of WLM Laureate of the History of Anesthesia.

Laureates will be selected on the basis of a demonstrable record of outstanding original contributions to the study of the history of anesthesia as evidenced by published monographs and articles in peer-reviewed journals. The award will be international. All physicians, anesthetic and non-anesthetic, as well as non-physician historians are eligible for nomination regardless of where they live. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including oneself. They must include three copies of the nominee's curriculum vitae and complete bibliography together with three copies of a signed covering letter describing the basis for the nomination as well as the names and full addresses of four persons to be contacted as references.

Selection of WLM Laureate will be made every 4 years beginning in 1995 and will be announced in October during the annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. The awardee will be honored by presentation of a suitably inscribed medal at the time of the next year's annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists with the honoree's expenses being provided by the WLM. The first award will thus be made in 1996. Though accompanied by neither an honorarium nor prescribed duties, the post of Laureate carries with it the expectation that the Laureate will remain active in publication of historical materials and will contribute to the education of anesthesiologists and others by lectures and participation in panels and seminars.

Nominations must be delivered to Chair, WLM Laureate Committee, Wood Library Museum, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-2573 before July 1 of the year preceding the year divisible by four in which the award is to be made, e.g. before July 1, 1995 for presentation of the award by 1996. Questions regarding the program may be addressed to the Chair of the WLM Laureate Committee at the above address.

In the absence of a suitably qualified nominee, the Laureate award will not be made every 4 years, but in no case will the award be made in years not divisible by four.

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