

Criteria for Distinguished Service Awards

A Distinguished Service Award is conferred upon an AFICS/NY Association member in recognition of the extraordinary volunteer work they rendered *over and above* the expected terms of reference of the AFICS/NY body. The Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, commitment, and outstanding contributions to AFICS/NY.

Examples of distinguished service award can include the following along with any other consideration the AFICS/NY Governing Board would decide to include:

1. **Long-term Service:** The individual has been involved with long-term significant service to AFICS/NY, providing services that address the needs of the AFICS/NY community.
2. **Leadership Roles:** The individual has served in various leadership roles, such as on AFICS/NY established bodies, e.g. a Standing Committee, a Special Committee or Working Group, Task Force and or a Team, to conduct a particular set of duties.
3. **Significant Contributions:** The individual has made significant contributions that benefit the AFICS/NY organization and its members, e. g.: performing duties over and above usual working hours in AFICS/NY service; introducing innovative ideas that improve the efficiency and reach of AFICS/NY; championing AFICS/NY in various fora through public speaking, or other forms of advocacy to raise awareness of its mission.¹
4. **Volunteer Work:** The individual has shown dedication through volunteer work, often going above and beyond expectations; provided guidance and support to other members; or helping to develop future leaders within the Association.
5. **Impact on the Association:** The individual's work has had a positive impact on the Association's mission, including establishing valuable partnerships with other organizations that enhance the AFICS/NY's capabilities and resources.

Nominating a candidate for the distinguished service award

The AFICS/NY Governing Board as well as Committees or Task Forces, established by the President or the Board, can make recommendations to the AFICS/NY President who in return makes the formal proposal for the award to the AFICS/NY Governing Board. The AFICS/NY President can also make recommendations. The nominator must be an AFICS/NY member. The distinguished service awards can be announced at the annual AFICS/NY Assembly.

¹ "The mission of AFICS/NY is to support and promote the purposes, principles and programmes of the UN system; to advise and assist former international civil servants and those about to separate from service; to represent the interests of its members within the system; to foster social and personal relationships among members; to promote their well-being; and to encourage mutual support of individual members."