

## Criteria for Reviewer Award

The following criteria will be used to judge the Reviewer of the Year Award, which will be announced at the annual Society of Wood Science and Technology Meeting.

1. The number of papers reviewed in the previous year. For example, the Editorial Board members are expected to do 2 reviews a year. This is sometimes a burden, but many Editorial Board members do so. 2 manuscripts would be considered highly desirable, while anything above 2 per year would be considered outstanding.
  - a. 2 reviews – 2 points
  - b. 1 review – 1 point
  - c. More than 2 reviews – 3 points.
  
2. The quality of the review as judged by the editors. Some reviewers provide specific recommendations and questions that aid the authors in improving their papers, while other reviewers provide general recommendations. Specific recommendations and questions aid the authors in their revisions. The editors see all the review comments and the Editor and Associate Editor would assign points based on the quality of the review.
  - a. Not much help - 1 point
  - b. Suggestions mostly editorial in nature – 2 points
  - c. Suggestions helpful to authors for clarification – 3 points
  - d. Suggestions not only provided clarification, but also provided substantial feedback – 4 points
  - e. Comments were extremely helpful to authors for enhancing paper – 5 points
  
3. Nomination by an author. The authors know which reviewers are most helpful in their revisions of the manuscript. We would provide an opportunity for the authors to nominate a reviewer by the nomenclature (Reviewer A, B etc) for those reviews which they deemed most helpful.
  - a. Comments not helpful – 1 point
  - b. Comments marginally helpful – 2 points
  - c. Comments and suggestions enhanced the paper – 3 points
  - d. Comments, suggestions and edits were extremely helpful in providing clarity and helped authors explore alternative theories – 4 points

All reviewers would be ranked according to these criteria and the highest number of points would be deemed the Reviewer of the Year.

A plaque and \$300 will be awarded.