**AVS Honorary Membership Nomination**

AVS Award nominations are submitted using our web based online awards system that can be found at: [https://avs.awardsplatform.com/](https://avs.awardsplatform.com/). The nomination questions for an **Honorary Membership** nomination are listed below to enable the nomination material to be assembled offline in preparation to entry into the online system.

**Purpose**

Honorary Membership is the highest honor that the AVS bestows upon a Platinum member in good standing. This is given to recognize extraordinary contributions of service to the AVS on the national and international level, which have had a significant positive impact and have contributed to the long-term success of the Society. The nominee’s service is not simply a recognition of time served, the number of positions held, or recognition of a single accomplishment, but rather for continued efforts over an extended period of time. It is expected that the nominee will have served the AVS in multiple capacities and will have made contributions by leading initiatives that have had a significant long-lasting impact on AVS operations. The nominee should be easily recognized by the general membership as an impactful leader and a major Society contributor.

**Eligibility**

This recognition is limited to no more than one Honorary Member per year. Current AVS Officers and Directors and current compensated AVS positions are ineligible for election. Honorary Member nominations will be accepted via a formal submittal using the AVS online award nominations website or as recommendation from a current AVS Officer or Director submitted through the online awards site. The Immediate Past President will serve as the Chair of the Honorary Member Nominations Committee. This Committee comprised of 2 AVS Officers and/or Directors, the AVS Managing Director and the AVS Award Liaison will be responsible for making a recommendation of 1-2 potential nominees for review and selection by the Officers and Directors. At least a three-fourths majority vote by the Board of Directors is required for election to Honorary Membership.

**Web questions or requested information for Honorary Membership Nominations:**

**Award Category**

- Award Type: Society Honor
- Category: Honorary Membership
- Nominees Name: (First Name, Last Name)
- Nominees Business Address:
- Nominees email Address:
- Introductory paragraph to nomination:
Short statement providing a brief overview of the nominee’s extraordinary service to AVS. (<50 words) This can be in bullet format

Professional Service to AVS

- As relevant to the purpose of this recognition, describe the nominee’s extraordinary service contributions to the AVS on the national and international level which had a significant positive impact and how it contributed to the long-term success of the Society. Describe how the nominee served the AVS in multiple capacities and how the nominee led initiatives that had a significant long-lasting impact on AVS operations. Specifically describe how the nominee became an impactful AVS leader and a major Society contributor. (<300 words)

Remember that this is a secret nomination that is not revealed until the moment it is presented to the recipient during the Symposium Awards Ceremony. Please note that as a nominator you may be called upon to provide anecdotes, funny stories, pictures, etc. about the recipient in preparation for the surprise presentation at the Ceremony.