



MEMBER OF DISTINCTION AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA & NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2024

Award description & criteria:

The IPIC **Member of Distinction Award** aims to recognize IP professionals who have made a significant contribution to the Institute over **at least 20 consecutive years**. For those with more short-term involvement, the unique and impactful nature of the contribution must be emphasized. As per the IPIC [by-law](#), a Member of Distinction is:

An individual who will reflect honour and credit upon the Institute may be awarded the title of Member of Distinction if he or she is or has been a member of IPIC. Awarding such Membership shall require a resolution by the Board after consideration of nominations submitted by the Members of the Institute. Members of Distinction shall pay no entrance or other fee but in all other respects shall be subject to the By-laws and Regulations of the Institute. Members of Distinction who have at any time been Fellows shall be deemed for all purposes of the By-laws, except the payment of fees, to be Fellows.

Activities that will be considered include:

1. **Volunteer Leadership of the Institute:** in the areas of advocacy, professional development, and membership services. This could be through ongoing engagement and leadership of IPIC, through Council, committees, member services, events, or education; and/or
2. **Professional Leadership:** demonstration of personal commitment beyond the professional competence and requirement of the position in which the nominee served within the IP field. For example, nominees will have inspired and persuaded others to act to advance IP in Canada; and/or
3. **Knowledge translation** (education and dissemination): by serving as a role model, educator, and/or mentor to others in the profession over a long and sustained period throughout their career.

Please note this is not an annual award, rather only bestowed when such recognition is warranted.



Prize:

1. The recipient of the award will receive complimentary registration to attend this year's Annual Conference.
2. The recipient will also be awarded a lifetime membership to the Institute and will not be required to pay a membership fee, this will take effect the year following their win.

Nominations:

Nominations will be sought from the membership through IPIC's weekly IP Newsbreak and on the IPIC News section

How to nominate an individual:

In addition to completing this form, please provide a letter of support (maximum two (2) pages in length) outlining the contributions of the nominee to the Institute including, if applicable, their Board or committee involvement or their engagement in IPIC's member services or educational offerings. Please send the completed form accompanied by a letter of support to Asha Labrecque, IPIC Member Services Manager at: membership@ipic.ca by **MAY 24, 2024**.

Winner Selection:

Nominations will be reviewed for consideration and the successful candidate will be selected by the IPIC Board of Directors. Sitting members of the Board are not eligible for the Award.

Award recognition:

Member of Distinction Award recipient receives the following recognition:

- recognized at IPIC's gala during the Annual Conference
- plaque with name, title, and year,
- article on IPIC's website under News,
- receive special recognition in IPIC's weekly IP Newsbreak, and
- on IPIC's social media platforms.



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