**Greetings,**

 **The time is here again to nominate those most deserving to be recognized for their efforts and contributions to the Society and to the field of System Safety. These awards will be presented at the 37th International System Safety Conference in Norfolk, Virginia July 29- August 2, 2019.

I am asking your assistance in making the 2019 awards program successful by inspiring members to participate in the awards program.

I know that there are many individuals deserving of recognition for the work they do. It is up to their co-workers, associates, and local chapter members to nominate them for these awards. That is where you come in. One approach that chapter presidents may consider is to present chapter awards, and then forward those as nominations to the Society awards process. For example, if you were a past award recipient, can you mentor another colleague to submit an application? Did you or a colleague apply for an award in the past and want to try again with new accomplishments? Have you observed someone whose accomplishments represent excellence in system safety? Let’s set a goal for all chapters to submit one nomination for an award this year!

Attached are the awards criteria, award nomination form and submission requirements for all of the Society awards. The award nomination form must be filled in electronically for each nomination and emailed to the Society headquarters no later than 15 June 2019. This deadline is critical to ensure that the awards board has adequate time to evaluate all the nominations. Please ensure that all nominees meet the stated criteria for the award for which they are nominated.

Please follow all directions on the awards nomination form. The main objective is for all nominees to have equal consideration for the annual awards. We look forward to your submittals.

Please contact me if you or your chapter members have any questions, to request a teleconference to discuss the awards program, or need assistance in submission of your award nominations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rod Simmons**

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