

(from Article VIII: Awards and Medals, changes highlighted)

Section 2: Annual Medals

The Society may present annual medals to departing members they have deemed worthy of receiving such an honor. These medals shall be known as the “Meritorious Debate Medal,” the “Meritorious Literary Presentation Medal,” and the “Leslie Eliason Medal for Extraordinary Contribution to the Society.” The Society may select zero or more candidates among the nominees to receive each of the three annual Society medals. An eligible nominee shall be one who intends to depart the Society within one year of their nomination. A member may not be eligible for nomination in more than one year. The Society may also present medals to alumni they have deemed deserving. This medal shall be called the “Alumni Medal for Service to the Society.”

Section 3: Leslie Eliason Medal for Extraordinary Contribution to the Society

The Leslie Eliason Medal may be awarded to an active member that has gone beyond the podium and done the most to further the mission of the Society.

Section 4: Meritorious Literary Presentation and Meritorious Debate Medals

The Meritorious Medals may be awarded to candidates that have made an outstanding contribution to the culture and wellbeing of oratory in the Society.

Section 5: Alumni Medal for Service to the Society

The Alumni Medal ~~should~~ may be awarded to an alumnus/alumna that has gone beyond the podium and done the most to further the mission of the Society.

Section 6: Procedures

Nominations for each medal must be presented in writing to the President no later than one week before the day of voting. Nominees may not decline their nomination. The Secretary shall announce the nominees and provide, to the best of their ability, a summary of each nominee’s involvement in the Society to include all literary presentations and all debates performed by the nominee, including those during the nominee’s provisional semester.

At the first meeting of the spring semester, the Society shall vote for the Leslie Eliason, the Meritorious Literary Presentation, and the Meritorious Debate medals in that order.

A candidate for Meritorious Literary Presentation or Meritorious Debate may be eligible for the contribution of either humorous or serious material. Nominees for each medal

shall be considered independently. After a speech is given on behalf of the nominee, additional comments shall be accepted from the floor, followed by a secret ballot. Any nominee who receives a majority of favorable votes shall be awarded the medal, and the President shall cast a ballot in the event of a tie. Only members of the Society who have been non-provisional members for at least one semester may be eligible to vote.

Section 7: Presentation of Awards and Medals

Annual Medals, in addition to the Fall Semester Awards, shall be presented to recipients at the Society Banquet. Semester Awards for the Spring shall be presented after the Inductions Ceremony at the end of the Spring semester.