



**Date:** February 12, 2026.

**Section/Society:** Practice Section of INFORMS

**Award Name:** Practice Section Service Award

### **About the Award**

The Practice Section of INFORMS has established the Service Award to honor INFORMS members who have demonstrated sustained engagement and significant contributions to the Practice Section during the most recent **Award Consideration Period** (the year from September 1 through August 31). The recipients will be formally recognized with a plaque, and their achievements will be highlighted in both the Practice Section Newsletter and the INFORMS Connect forums. The award presentation will take place during the Practice Section Business Meeting at the Analytics+ Conference.

### **Submission and Eligibility Requirements**

Eligibility for this award is open to any INFORMS member except for those who were Practice Section officers during the Award Consideration Period and those who have won the award for service during the prior two Award Consideration Periods. Nominations will be solicited through announcements in the newsletter and/or INFORMS Connect forums, accompanied by a link to a Google form where nominators can describe the nominee's qualifying activities. Both self-nominations and nominations by other Practice Section members are welcome. INFORMS VP of Practice, chairs of prize committees, or chairs of conferences are eligible for the award, but those roles themselves should not be considered sufficient criteria to receive the award, unless the performance was extraordinary and significantly exceeded standard expectations of excellence in these roles. Nominations should be received by September 30. Judges will make their decision by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Judging Criteria**

The selection committee, appointed by the Practice Section Board, will evaluate nominees based on their service in advancing connectivity and community to strengthen the Practice Section. The committee will consider the nominee's efforts in fostering collaboration and partnership, as well as promoting the Practice Section and collaborating with other areas within INFORMS.

### **Frequency and Financial Implications**

The Service Award is presented annually, with a maximum of five awardees selected each year. There may be years when the award is not presented. The financial requirement for this recognition is minimal, limited to the cost of the plaques.

### **Committee**

The Practice Section Board will appoint the selection committee for this award. No one should serve on the committee if this would create a conflict of interest. Members of the committee should adhere to the INFORMS Section 2.5 Conflict of Interest Policy.

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