John Livermore Award

Background: John Livermore and Alan Coope, geologists employed by Newmont Mining, followed up on ideas presented by USGS geologist Ralph Robert regarding the potential for carbonate hosted disseminated gold deposits in north-central Nevada. Livermore and Coope’s fieldwork lead to the discovery of the Carlin gold deposit, which lead to north-central Nevada being recognized as a world class gold region.

Purpose: Honoring John Livermore, and recognizing individuals, contractors, suppliers, and companies that have gone beyond what was required to preserve, reclaim, conserve, and/or document mining heritage and the natural environment surrounding mining operations.

These are all activities that John Livermore was very actively involved in. John Livermore’s philanthropy was widespread. Here are some examples. He was active in supporting education by giving $25,000 a year spread over five $5,000 scholarships lasting 5
years for students pursuing degrees in mining and geology. He donated $100,000 to startup the Tonopah Historic Mining Park after Echo Bay Mining donated the old mining workings and structures located at Tonopah, Nevada to the town. He was involved in environmental reclamation and nature conservation at Tuscarora, Nevada. Livermore formed an organization to broker a deal to bring mining and environment groups closer together and reach mutually beneficial mining regulations.

Nature of the Award: Recognition and presentation of two 2-ounce silver John Livermore Medallions. This is not a Nevada award but one that can be presented for qualifying activity anywhere in the US.