

Captain William Driver Award

Bylaws § 2.05. Captain William Driver Award

- (a) At each annual meeting, the executive board shall confer the Captain William Driver Award on the individual who presents the best paper as part of the scientific program upon the recommendation of the award judges.
- (b) An individual may not receive the award more frequently than once every three years.
- (c) A member of the executive board is not eligible to receive the award during the member's term of office.
- (d) The executive board shall adopt guidelines for the judging of papers by the award judges. The guidelines must be published before each annual meeting in *Flag Research Quarterly*.
- (e) For each annual meeting, the award judges are the executive board and the three recipients who are disqualified under Subsection (b) from receiving the award at that meeting who are present at that meeting.

Executive Board Award Guidelines

1. The Captain William Driver Award was established in 1979 for the best paper presented at the Association's annual meeting. It is named in honor of Captain William Driver, who christened the United States flag "Old Glory." The award consists of a certificate and an honorarium of US\$250; the honorarium is usually underwritten by the Association's organizational members.
2. The executive board determines the recipient of the award based on the criteria given below. At its discretion, the executive board may determine that no presentation delivered at the annual meeting has met the criteria for the award and decline to give an award that year.
3. The criteria for the award follow, in descending order of relative importance:
 - a. The presentation should be an original contribution of research or theoretical analysis on a flag or flags resulting in an advancement of knowledge in the field of vexillology.
 - b. It should be characterized by thoroughness and accuracy.
 - c. It should be well organized and, as appropriate, illustrated.
 - d. It should be delivered well, i.e., interesting for the audience as well as informative, such that it is easily comprehensible.
4. No presentation may be considered for the award unless a completed written text is submitted in advance of its delivery.
5. No single individual may be given the award more frequently than once every three years.
6. Because of the conflict of interest, current members of the executive board are ineligible for the award.
7. If at all possible, the executive board shall not give the award jointly to co-recipients. In extraordinary circumstances, the executive board may recognize another presentation with the designation "Honorable Mention."
8. As a condition of being considered for the award, presenters agree that NAVA has the right of first refusal to publish their presentation in either *Flag Research Quarterly* or *Raven: A Journal of Vexillology* within two years of the presentation date. This right of first refusal extends to both the actual recipient of the award and the remaining non-recipients. A presenter who desires to have his or her presentation published elsewhere may decline to have the presentation considered for the award, provided that the presenter makes this fact known before the presentation is delivered.
9. These guidelines should be distributed to presenters in advance of the annual meeting.