



ACPM Volunteer Recognition Awards

The ACPM Volunteer Recognition Awards are awarded on an annual basis to officially recognize the outstanding contributions, efforts and achievements of ACPM members and individuals within the retirement income industry.

There are three awards categories as follows:

- 1) The Don Ireland Award for Exceptional Volunteerism (national) (one per year)
- 2) ACPM Industry Award (national) (one per year)
- 3) ACPM Council Award (one per year per Council)

All award winners are announced and acknowledged at the 2026 ACPM National Conference in Montréal, QC, from Sept. 22nd – 24th. Award winners will also be acknowledged in the following communications vehicles:

- 1) ACPM Website
- 2) Feature article(s) in "CONTACT", the ACPM Member Newsletter
- 3) ACPM LinkedIn Company Page
- 4) ACPM X (aka Twitter) account
- 5) Mention in industry media

CATEGORIES, CRITERIA and PROCESS

A. The Don Ireland Award for Exceptional Volunteerism (National Award)

Purpose

To recognize the exceptional effort and achievements of an individual over a significant period of time on behalf of ACPM.

Frequency

Annual

Eligibility

The individual must meet the following criteria in order to be nominated or this award:

- a) Must be a member of ACPM in good standing at the time that they are nominated as well as at the time when they are to be presented with this award;
- b) Must have volunteered on one or more of the following: the ACPM Board of Directors, ACPM National Committees, or any of their associated Task Forces or Subcommittees, and/or ACPM Councils;
- c) In the course of their volunteerism, they will have demonstrated leadership, creativity, cooperation and dedication in advancing the mission of ACPM.



B. ACPM Industry Award (National Award)

Purpose

To recognize the efforts and achievements of an individual who has proven to be an inspiration for fundamental change in the Canadian retirement income industry. This individual may or may not be an ACPM member.

Frequency

At the discretion of the ACPM Awards Committee

Eligibility

- a) Has maintained a reputation for professional excellence in industry relationships;
- b) Has demonstrated leadership, creativity and inclusion in addressing the challenges facing the Canadian retirement income system;
- c) Has produced work that is regarded as an inspiration for fundamental change in the Canadian retirement income system;
- d) Is widely perceived by peers in the retirement income industry as a progressive and innovative leader that has advanced the state of the Canadian retirement income system;
- e) Has indisputably had an outstanding career in the retirement income industry (optional).

C. ACPM Council Award

Purpose

To recognize the efforts of an individual who has significantly contributed to the work, growth and development of their Council.

Frequency

Annual

Eligibility

- a) Must be a member of ACPM in good standing at the time they are nominated and when receiving this award;
- b) Has been, or currently is someone who has significantly contributed to the development, work and/or membership growth of the Council.



NOMINATION and ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS

The nomination process for all Awards shall be as follows:

- a) Call for nominations with the deadline for nominations to be on August 7th, 2026;
- b) Candidates may be nominated by an individual ACPM member or by a joint nomination on behalf of a National Committee or a Council;
- c) The nomination must be in writing and must include the following information:
 - i) Name and contact information of the candidate;
 - ii) Name and contact information of the nominating party/group;
 - iii) Detailed description of the candidate's accomplishments under each of the criteria.
- d) Only winners will be announced at the Conference. Nominees and nominators will not receive any additional notification.
- e) Winners will be posted on the ACPM website.
- f) Nominators are welcome to resubmit their nominee's application in future years.

ACPM AWARDS COMMITTEE

The ACPM Awards Committee shall consist of the following individuals, none of whom shall be eligible to receive the respective award:

- a) ACPM President of the Board;
- b) ACPM Vice-President of the Board;
- c) ACPM CEO;
- d) Previous year's Don Ireland and Council Award Winner(s);
- e) Senior ACPM staff as designated by ACPM CEO;
- f) One other individual as may from time-to-time be determined by the ACPM President of the Board.