

Mid Eastern Region, NMRA The President's Award

1) What is the award?

The President's Award is an award given at each MER convention that addresses a topic, idea, modeling challenge for consideration by model builders and contest room entrants to provide a response. The President's Award challenge is announced at the previous convention and in the "Local". Lacking any models responding to the challenge, the President may select any other model as the winner.

2) Sponsors:

The President's Award is sponsored by the MER.

3) Who can compete for the award?

Any NMRA/MER member in good standing who chooses to enter an appropriate model in the official NMRA/MER sponsored judged model contest at a MER convention may compete for this award. A member can also compete for this award by bringing an appropriate model to be judged for the Achievement Program only.

4) Modeling Parameters --- definition and limits of the what qualifies a model for the award

This is defined by the MER President for each MER convention, one year in advance.

5) How the contest will be Judged and the winner chosen:

The MER President will select the winner as he or she sees fit within the confines and terms of the announced challenge. If the MER President is unable to attend the convention, the MER Vice President may select a winner in his stead, etc down the chain of command.

If the model requires judging as a component of the challenge, the model will be judged as part of the regular judging of the model contest at an MER convention. The Judging guidelines will be those established by the NMRA for the model contest and the AP Program. Any appropriate model can also qualify for this award if it is being judged only for the Achievement Program at this convention, and is not an entry in the model contest. The appropriate model achieving the highest score above eighty-seven and one-half points in the model contest or AP only judging will be the winner. In case of a tied score, the MER President, the MER Vice President may select a winner in his stead, etc down the chain of command.

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6) The President's Award (operations and award):

Once the winning entry has been decided, the sponsors of the award will contact the winner. At the official MER awards ceremony, the President's Award will be presented to the winner. The award will be handed out when the other special awards are distributed. This award will be presented by the MER President. If this is not possible, the MER General Contest Chairman, or someone he or she designates, can announce and hand out the award.

7) Sponsors (Organization and Contact persons) and Funding:

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8) Time limit for this award:

The sponsors of this award understand that in order for it to be placed into the special awards given at a MER sponsored convention this award must be approved by the MER Board of Directors. If approved, the award

can be given at every MER sponsored convention over a two-year period. In order to continue presenting this award, the sponsors must seek renewal approval from the MER BOD every two years.