

Fellow Member organization

The Fellow Members function as a volunteer group within the charter and legal status of the American Rock Mechanics Association (ARMA) and are bound by the ARMA ByLaws. No Fellow may commit or obligate another Fellow beyond the specifications contained herein, and any Fellow may at any time, by written notice to ARMA, resign his/her membership as Fellow.

The Fellows Chair, elected by a majority vote among the Fellow Members, shall be responsible to appropriately communicate with the ARMA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, call, establish the agenda, and chair the Annual Fellows Meeting, and be the focal point for Fellow activities.

American Rock Mechanics Association, vision, and strategy

ARMA is an association of individuals with strong interests in rock mechanics in a broad sense, to include multi-discipline rock physics and rock engineering technology advancement and technology applications for oil and gas recovery, mining, civil engineering, and social-economic geo-related problem solving.

ARMA vision

To be the recognized representative of multi-disciplinary rock mechanics advancements and applications and to serve its Members and the Public.

ARMA strategy

ARMA will encourage individuals and accept Members who share a common interest in rock mechanics.

ARMA will be the American technical leader in rock mechanics via sponsored symposium, publications, workshops, training courses, and other means.

ARMA will recognize its Members for individual accomplishments, expertise in rock mechanics, and public benefit.

ARMA will offer advisory expertise to help Government, Academia, Industry, and the Public.



Membership of

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What does it mean to be an ARMA Fellow?

An ARMA member who is recognized for outstanding achievements in the field of Rock Mechanics may be elevated to the status of ARMA Fellow. The Fellow title is granted to selected individuals by their peers and is evidence of the individual's expertise, judgment, and wisdom, particularly in the field of Rock Mechanics.

Criteria for Fellow membership

Accomplishments in the field of Rock Mechanics

Such accomplishments are a requirement and are demonstrated by work experience, publications, inventions, technology advancements, and mentoring of individuals.

Accomplishments outside of the technical field of Rock Mechanics

Non-technical accomplishments are an important consideration, including public service, elections and appointments to positions of responsibilities, prominent committee functions, executive positions, Rock Mechanics business development, and charitable functions.

Recognition from peers

The individual must be widely recognized by their peers. Awards, honors received, invited presentations, and appointed society participation are a demonstration of peer recognition.

ARMA member, vision, and service

The individual must be a member of ARMA in good standing, generally for at least one year prior to nomination to become a Fellow, and must support the Vision and strategy of ARMA. Past and present service to ARMA is an important criterion.

Continued ARMA membership

Continued membership in ARMA is required to maintain Fellow status. An individual's Fellow status will immediately terminate if the individual does not maintain ARMA membership.

Procedure for nomination and appointment to Fellow

An individual may be considered for Fellow status either (1) by a Fellow submitting a Nomination Package, or (2) by at least five ARMA Individual Members submitting a Nomination Package. The Nomination Package must (i) be signed by each of the nominators (electronic signature is acceptable except for one original signature); (ii) provide the affiliation(s) where the nominee achieved their recognition (i.e. academic, industry, government, other, or international) and provide a single sentence citation defining or characterizing the technical accomplishments of the Nominee; (iii) include the justification for election as a Fellow by addressing the "Criteria for Fellow Membership" identified in this brochure and on the Nomination Form; (iv) include a current resume of the individual being nominated; (v) include the name, title, and affiliation of each of the nominators; and (vi) be sent as hardcopy letter or e-mail to the Chair of Fellows by no later than the date specified each year in the Nominations call. An individual may be nominated only two consecutive years and not thereafter for an additional two years. All Nomination Packages will be kept strictly confidential by the Fellows and the ARMA Executive Director.

Individuals selected by the Fellows for Fellow membership will be provided in confidence to the ARMA Board of Directors for ratification. After such ratification, an individual upon acceptance will be inducted to become a Fellow. The individual must be present for induction as a Fellow, and generally the Nomination will be held open for one year to allow for in-person induction, and would be dropped after the year.

Recognition and duties of Fellows

Fellows will be recognized at the Annual Symposium, in ARMA publications, and on the ARMA web page. Fellows may attend without session registration fees all Annual Symposia and other ARMA symposia, workshops, and meetings.

Fellows may be called upon as advisors for ARMA or requested to participate in various projects, and may be suggested to agencies where rock mechanics expertise is required. Fellow participation is important and highly desirable, but always is at the will of the individual Fellow.

Fellows are encouraged to participate, if possible, in the ARMA Annual Rock Mechanics Symposium and the Annual Fellows Meeting, which will typically be scheduled in connection with the Annual Symposium.