



AOC Hal Gershanoff Silver Medal Nomination Form

Description: The Hal Gershanoff AOC Silver Medal is presented to an AOC member to recognize outstanding service in furthering the goals of the Association or its Chapter organization(s). It is the highest award given to a member for dedicated service to the AOC at the Chapter, National/ International levels over a significant period of time.

Instructions:

1. Section 1: Complete the contact and background information for the Nominee.
2. Section 2: Nominee’s achievements. Provide written evidence and supporting information to substantiate the nominee's achievements.
3. Section 3: Submit a proposed citation to accompany the award.
4. Section 4: Complete the contact information of the Nominator.
5. Section 5: Details of person to be contacted if selected.

Section 1: Nominee’s Information

Name:		Rank/Title:	
AOC Member Number:		Chapter Affiliation:	
Company:		Job Title:	
Address:		Address:	
City		State/Province/County:	
Postal Code:		Country:	
Phone:		Email:	

Section 2: Qualifications:

AOC Membership Requirements:

Membership of the AOC is required. Tick box to confirm at least 25 years of membership.

Tick box to confirm the nominee served as an AOC Officer or on the AOC Board of Directors and/or served as AOC Chapter President or Chapter Officer

List offices held and respective organization:

Exclusions: Tick box to confirm that the Nominee is not on the current AOC Board of Directors or Board of Governors.

Eligibility Requirements: Provide Nominee’s details in the following areas. Include supporting explanations and examples. Specific individual outstanding achievement and leadership over the previous calendar year or sustained performance over a period of several years shall be used as evidence to justify the nominee's nomination.

AOC Impact - Chapter, HQ and Community

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on the nominee's achievements and support at the Chapter level or at the Board of Directors level.

The AOC's international success is directly related to Dr. Robertson's efforts. She led the effort to restructure and formalize the organizational construct of the AOC's international working group and its membership. Her direct efforts led to advanced participation by previously dormant chapters as well as the addition of new ones. Dr Robertson led the efforts on the Nominations and Elections committee to develop criteria and requirements of candidates for the Board and offices. She focused efforts on the election process and methodology. As a member of the Awards committee, she added necessary rigor to the principle annual awards for the AOC and helped to develop specific criteria. As an EW SME, Dr Robertson has also provided evidence to and testified to Parliament on EW issues related to the UK. She is also the author of the book *Practical ESM Analysis* Copyright: 2019. Without Dr Robertson's efforts, there would be no "International" in the AOC

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee, in a significant manner, advanced the goals of the Association or its Chapter organization(s). The stated goals of the AOC are Advocacy, Education, Support

- Developed qualification criteria and requirements for AOC Board Candidates
- Established and led an International Advisory Committee to assist International chapters
- Guided and led multiple AOC Europe Conferences. Set the theme and managed the agenda
- Coordinated and guided development of scholarship opportunities and selections for AOC scholarships both international and local
- 2 Terms as an AOC board member representing the European International Region
- A key member of the committee to relocate the AOC HQ offices and facilities
- Principle member of the AOC director search
- Presented at countless AOC conferences and symposiums
- Leads and Instructs one of the AOC's most attended courses "Principles of ESM Analysis"

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on any awards the nominee received, keynote speaker presentations, conference chairman and briefings at University, Government, or Industry Events.

- Teaches a multi-day graduate level course in ESM analysis
- Written over 100 technical reports and has presented papers and chaired technical sessions at international conferences on electronic warfare and maritime security.
- Chairman of the UK EW SME Working Group and has contributed evidence to UK Parliamentary Committees on subjects such as maritime reconnaissance and security issues.
- Spoken at both the AOC International Symposium and the Annual AOC Europe Conference

- Keynote Speaker at South Africa 2017 international conference

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee made significant contributions to the fraternity of the AOC, its Chapters, or its members. The nature of the contributions must have, in some way, materially improved the AOC fraternity.

- Reorganized and restructured the AOC's International Advisory Committee formalizing it within the AOC OpMan structure
- Defined qualification criteria for AOC Board Member candidacy. Developed forms and formalized award definitions
- Guided the Education Foundation in developing scholarship criteria
- Led the construct for multiple AOC Europe events including developing themes, agenda, keynote speakers
- Formalized the structure of the International Regions to align more closely to international relationships thus reinvigorating previously dormant chapters

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee's advancements were of a systemic or long-term impact influencing a broad and deep improvement in the AOC.

- Dr Roberson's efforts leading the AOC's International Advisory Committee fundamentally changed how the AOC is organized. She restructured the various regions to more closely align to how the local international countries actually interact and how their relationships are already built
- Her work revising the AOC elections program has produced a much more vibrant and qualified pool of candidates helping to further mature and grow the capabilities of the AOC Board
- She is one of the leading EW SMEs in the UK. Fundamentally carrying not only EW capabilities and knowledge to senior government levels, but also helping to articulate the AOC's mission and impact to the same
- Her doctoral work and published works have foundationally shaped how the world looks at ESM Analysis and inserted a level of technical expertise into the AOC

Provide a list with details, specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee chaired multiple symposia and committees.

- Chair AOC International Advisory Committee
- Chair EW Europe Conference multiple times
- Member of AOC Nominations and Elections Committee
- Member of AOC Awards Committee
- Keynote speaker at South Africa EW, AOC International, and EW Europe among others

EW Community Awareness:

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee's contributions to Electronic Warfare were of a magnitude causing significant long-term impact

- Author of the premier book on ESM Analysis. Used by multiple universities and education programs as the principle text book
- Multiple papers and evidence to Parliament on EW, shaping the UKs EW policies, programs and capabilities
- Author of over 100 technical papers influencing thousands of EW analysts and engineers over her 30 year career.

Provide written details, specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee's contributions and achievements were evident to, and known by, the Electronic Warfare community

- Dr Roberston is by far the most recognized expert on EW and ESM Analysis within not only the UK, but also the entire European EW community
- Her courses are repeatedly booked to capacity as everyone wants to learn from her
- Mentored countless EW Engineers within the UK Defence community throughout her 30 year career. She is the patriarch of EW Engineering
- There is not an AOC member withing the International Community who has not heard her speak or participated in one of her seminars.

Anything Additional You Would Like to Add Not Mentioned Above

As repeat, there would not be an International AOC without Dr Robertson. She has been foundational to its development and growth. Even with her overly demanding schedule and commitments, Sue continues to find time for the AOC, advancing not only its capabilities and understanding, but also its membership and advocacy. Her impacts to the AOC over the past 30 years are insurmountable. This award application is just a small snapshot of the overwhelming impact she has had to both EW and the AOC. There is no one more deserving of this award than she.

Section 3: Proposed Award Citation (in less than 30 words)

Awarded for over thirty years of service and dedication to the AOC by continually promoting the mission and objectives of the AOC. Throughout her involvement, Dr Robertson has been at the very core of the AOC's activities and membership continually improving and the infrastructure and international relations that make the organization what it is today. Sue continues to lead in the International EW community and is the inspiration and guidance to generations of EW Professionals who will follow her. She it the embodiment of what an AOC member can contribute and accomplish in furthering the advancement of EW and the AOC



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Section 4: Nominator's Contact Information

Name:		Rank/Title:	
AOC Member Number:		Chapter Affiliation:	
Company:		Job Title:	
Address:		Address:	
City		State/Province/County:	
Postal Code:		Country:	
Phone:		Email:	

Signature and Date: _____

Section 5: If selected, details of person to be contacted (in addition to nominator)

Name:		Rank/Title:	
AOC Member Number:		Chapter Affiliation:	
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