LPI
LIGHTNING PROTECTION INSTITUTE

Recognition Awards

Honoring the people who strengthen the Institute, the industry, and public safety.

Engagement Award

Leadership Award

Lightning Safety Advocate Award

Distinguished Board Service Award



How It Works

Key Dates

December 11 — Nominations close

December 15 — Official anonymous ballot sent to members

December 18 — Voting closes

February 17 — Awards presented at the national conference in Charleston, SC

How to Submit

Send an email to lpi@lightning.org with:

- Name of the award
- Name of the person or organization you're nominating
- One or two sentences on why they deserve it and what actions they've taken

Once nominations are received, an email ballot with all awards and nominees will be sent out to LPI members to collect anonymous votes.

Who Can Nominate

- Any LPI member can nominate for the Leadership, Engagement, and the Lightning Safety Advocate Award.
- **Anyone, including non-members**, can nominate for the Lightning Safety Advocate Award.
- Self-nomination is allowed for all awards.
- Distinguished Board Service Award nominees are nominated and voted on by board members.

Multiple Awards

A person can be nominated for more than one award, and Board members can receive other awards.



FUN FACT: The award symbols were developed to represent the vital components of a lightning protection system. Left to right: Bonding, Air Terminal, Zone of Protection, Grounding.



What It Means

Recognizes an LPI member who takes initiative to support the Institute or connect people with its work. The award celebrates meaningful contributions that members can make with the time and opportunities available to them.

Actions That Demonstrate It

- Brought forward a new idea that gave members, industry partners, or community groups a new way to work together on lightning safety
- Followed through on a commitment to support an LPI campaign or contribute to the work of a committee
- Regularly posted, shared, or talked about LPI and lightning safety on social media or in their own outreach
- Attended LPI events, webinars, or member meetings
- Took on small, defined volunteer tasks, such as a document review, a survey, or a short-term working group
- Introduced colleagues, referred new members, or invited others to participate

Eligibility

Current LPI member in good standing. Consistent effort in a single area of engagement can qualify.

Who Can Nominate

- Any LPI member



What It Means

Recognizes an individual whose ongoing leadership advances the lightning protection profession. The award honors people whose work reaches beyond their own organization and helps others and the industry improve. This award represents actions above and beyond “engagement”.

Actions That Demonstrate It

- Makes an **extraordinary commitment of time** and service to LPI and the industry
- Starts or drives initiatives rather than only joining them
- Influences standards, education, or practice beyond their own organization
- Mentors and develops others
- Engages at multiple levels: LPI, the industry, and the public
- Raises the credibility of the industry with outside audiences

Eligibility

Current LPI member. Board service is not required. Shows sustained, current impact beyond their own organization.

Who Can Nominate

- Any LPI member

LPI Lightning Safety Advocate Award

OUTREACH | EDUCATION | PUBLIC SAFETY

What It Means

Recognizes an **individual or organization** that brings lightning safety to a wider audience, from personal safety to protection of buildings and facilities.

Actions That Demonstrate It

- Makes lightning safety guidance clear and actionable for audiences such as schools, recreation groups, facility owners, or the public
- Reaches people through trusted channels such as local media, weather reporting, public agencies, or community partnerships
- Helps an organization adopt safer procedures or include lightning protection in its facilities
- Advances code adoption, policy, or enforcement that improves lightning safety

Eligibility

Open to members and non-members. Based on a sustained effort of advocacy, not just a single moment of visibility.

Who Can Nominate

- Anyone, including non-members.



What It Means

Recognizes a current or former LPI director whose sustained service has strengthened the Institute and its ability to serve members. The award honors sound governance, thoughtful stewardship, and contributions that benefit LPI beyond the director's term.

Actions That Demonstrate It

- Sustained service across two or more terms
- Governance and fiduciary contribution
- Strategic contribution that outlasts their term
- Mentors incoming directors
- Initiates efforts to improve the Institute and/or the industry

Eligibility

Current or past LPI board member.

Who Can Nominate

- Board members.