(1) **Appointment and consideration of committee members:** The SUO Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Past President of the Society, and shall include the following three additional members: the President, Secretary, and one additional elected member of the Executive Committee (selected by the Chair).

(2) **The SUO’s major awards:** Young Investigator Award, Huggins Award, SUO Medal, Whitmore Award, Distinguished Service Award.

The committee shall be responsible for awarding the 5 annual awards given by the Society:

1. **The Young Investigator Award:** Recognition by the Society of excellence in clinical practice and/or basic research that has contributed to improvement of clinical care and progress in science. The recognition may be for a singular contribution or a consistent pattern of performance (and contributions) within 10 years of completion of residency or fellowship which (have) has fulfilled the criteria of advancing the field or holds strong promise of doing so in the immediate future. Recipient is awarded a plaque at the AUA meeting.

2. **Huggins Award:** Recognition by the Society for a major contribution and/or a lifetime achievement in research and/or clinical practice that has contributed to the progress in treatment for patients with genitourinary neoplasms. Recipient provides the Huggins Lecture and is awarded a $2,000 honorarium and a medal at the Winter meeting.

3. **SUO Medal:** Awarded to an individual or individuals for a specific achievement and/or significant contribution in the field of urologic oncology. Recipient is awarded a plaque at the AUA meeting.

4. **Whitmore Award:** The Willet F. Whitmore Jr. Lectureship was established in 1993 as a keynote address to be delivered at the Annual Meeting and as a tribute to Dr. Whitmore, who embodied the field of urologic oncology as a premier urologic surgeon and as a pioneer in the multidisciplinary aspects of urologic care. Of all the contributions that Dr. Whitmore made to urology, his proudest and most enduring was his role in defining the specialty of urologic oncology. He was the first to establish a Clinical Fellowship in Urologic Oncology and, later, a year of research. His interest and dedication to proper training in urologic oncology led to his election as first president of the Society of Urologic Oncology. Dr. Whitmore was the first Whitmore Lecturer in 1994. Dr. Whitmore died on May 8, 1995, from carcinoma of the prostate, a disease he devoted his life to treating. Recipient provides the Whitmore Lecture and is awarded a $2,000 honorarium and a medal at the AUA meeting.

5. **Distinguished Service Award:** Nominees for the SUO Distinguished Service Award should be a urologist whose actions at work or in the community exceed job expectations and reflect values of compassion, respect, trust, commitment to excellence and teamwork, and also educate
the community about prostate cancer. This award is not necessarily given every year, and can be awarded at either the AUA meeting or the Winter meeting.

(3) Timeline and Selection

Timeline: The awards process should begin 6-8 months in advance of the meeting at which the award will be presented.

Selection of the award: The process is as follows:
- Awards Committee Chair (or executive office) solicits nominations from the SUO Executive Committee (voting members only as outlined in bylaws). Each Board member can submit one nominee for each award.
- Executive office will collect the submissions and collate into a comprehensive list.
- Executive office will distribute the list to members of the Awards Committee.
- Each member of the Awards Committee will submit three nominee choices, ranked #1, #2, and #3. Special consideration will be given to those who have made significant contributions to the Society.
- Executive office will create a spreadsheet and assign values to each of the choices from the Awards Committee members (5 points for #1, 3 points for #2, and 1 point for #3) to determine the overall top three choices in order of most points.
- Chair then submits top three choices to SUO officers for final voting/sign off.
- Selection of the award is then announced and included in the Awards Committee report for the Board meeting (Spring Board meeting for Winter Awards; Winter Board meeting for Spring Awards).

(4) Notification and Presentation

Notification: After the selection process is complete, Executive office will supply contact information to Awards Committee Chair. Chair will then contact the recipient to announce his or her selection and congratulate him or her on the award. Executive office will then follow up with specific information regarding lecture times (for Huggins and Whitmore) and award presentation details.

Presentation: Executive office prepares medals, poster signs and honorarium checks for Huggins and Whitmore, and plaques for Young Investigator, SUO Medal and Distinguished Services award winners. Huggins and Whitmore awards are presented at time of lecture during the educational program. Plaques for Young Investigator, SUO Medal and Distinguished Services award winners are presented during Awards session during AUA educational meeting (previously were presented at SUO reception). Executive office notifies all recipients of date/time of award presentations. If an award recipient cannot be present at the presentation of the awards, the Executive office will make arrangements to give the plaque to the recipient at a later time or send to them via mail. All awards are recorded by the Executive office on the SUO website (http://suonet.org/awards).