

***Pneuma* Book Award**  
**Presented Annually by the Society for Pentecostal Studies**

**I. Purpose of the Award:**

To honor a book each year that represents a significant achievement in scholarship related to Pentecostal and Charismatic studies that parallel the interest groups of the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

**II. Nominations and Evaluations:**

The Interest Group Chairs will nominate to the Editorial Committee potential books for consideration. (The Editorial Committee should not be composed of more than two IGLs at any one time.) The list of nominations can be supplemented by the editor(s) and book review editor of *PNEUMA: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*. The Editorial Committee, including the editor(s) of *PNEUMA*, who are ex officio members, will then decide on which book should receive the award.

**III. Timeline:**

The *PNEUMA* book award is announced each year at the annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), according to the following schedule:

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| April | Journal editor(s) receive nominations from the SPS Interest Group Leaders<br>Criteria for nomination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- book should have been published no more than three years from the time it is nominated (i.e., nominations submitted May 2010 for the 2011 award should be for books published in 2007 and after);</li><li>- authors of books do not need to be Society members for their books to be nominated and considered for the award so long as the book is relevant to Pentecostal-Charismatic scholarship;</li><li>- self-nominations are prohibited, although since interest group chairs are not precluded from nominating books in their interest group area alone, nominations of books authored or edited by interest group leaders are still possible;</li><li>- the same author cannot receive the award more than once in any five-year period and not more than three times over the course of his/her lifetime;</li><li>- normally, edited books will not be considered for the award.</li></ul> |
| May   | Journal editor(s) and SPS Editorial Committee decide on three finalist volumes<br>Criteria for finalist volumes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- a book cannot be a finalist more than twice</li></ul>  |

- standing members of the Committee are usually exempt from consideration for receiving the award in order to avoid an obvious conflict of interest; should a standing member's book be nominated, and there is consensus of the Editorial Committee to consider his or her book, the member could agree to withdraw from the evaluation process for that year
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- candidates must be willing to be considered and to attend the Society to receive the award in person if selected

June	Journal editor(s) contact publishers of finalist volumes in order to secure review copies for themselves and the Editorial Committee, and contact authors to inform them of the nomination and secure from them a commitment to attend the next meeting should their book be chosen
September	Journal editor(s) confirm with Editorial Committee that they have copies of books
November	Journal editor(s) remind Editorial Committee evaluations are due New Year's day Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- quality of research</li> <li>- effectiveness of argumentation</li> <li>- significance to the guild of which it is a part (as well as to Pentecostal-charismatic research)</li> </ul>
January	Journal editor(s) tabulate evaluations & arrive at a final decision in email discussion – or conference call if necessary – with the Editorial Committee, and contact winner to confirm s/he can attend the meeting, so that he or she can plan accordingly
February	SPS secretary/treasurer prepares the letter of gratitude and check for disbursement
March	Journal editor(s) announce winning author/volume at annual meeting
April	Journal editor(s) ensure that winner author/volume announcement appears in fall issue of the journal

#### **IV. Nature of the Award:**

A copy of the book with an inscription by the Editor and signed by many of the membership.

A letter of gratitude by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Society.

A \$500 cash award (which could cover most of the cost of attending the meeting).