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### **Accredited Gemologists Association Announces the Alan Hodgkinson Medal**

The Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA) is proud to introduce the Alan Hodgkinson Medal, a new accolade recognizing gemologists who demonstrate exceptional commitment to volunteerism and a consistent willingness to share knowledge, experience, and practical insight with others in the field.

Named in memory of Alan Hodgkinson, the medal celebrates a legacy defined not only by professional excellence but also by generosity, mentorship, and a deep dedication to the gemological community. Throughout his career, Hodgkinson was known as a trusted colleague, generous mentor, and steadfast supporter of gem professionals worldwide.

The Alan Hodgkinson Medal recognizes individuals who embody these same values—those who give freely of their time and expertise, support their peers, and strengthen the profession through collaboration and service. The award emphasizes impact over prominence, honoring quiet leadership and sustained contributions that leave the gemological community stronger and more connected.

Key dates for the inaugural award:

Nominations open throughout the year

Voting period: June 5 – June 18, 2026

Medal presentation: February 3, 2027, at the AGA Gala in Tucson

The inaugural recipient will be honored at the AGA Gala, held in conjunction with the annual Tucson gem shows.

For more information, visit the Accredited Gemologists Association.

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