

**BOARD REPORT
AWARDS COMMITTEE
Northeast Region Board Meeting
June 1, 2019**



DATE: May 28, 2019
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Steve VanDyke, Chair, Awards Committee

SUBJECT: Report of Awards Committee

A. Highlights

1. Quantity of nominations remain low, but consistent with last year. Nominations were received by only 3 chapters, meaning 12 chapters did not make any nominations.
2. No nominations at all were received for the categories of Distinguished Service Award, or Educational Award. No nominations for Certificates of Appreciation were received.
3. Nine chapters have not made any nominations over the last 5 years.

B. The Report

1. Committee Members: Award Chair information for Chapters was not accurate this year. Information was drawn from Institute records by Terri Bracken. Six chapters have no contact listed for Awards. Chapter leaders should check the information and update accordingly.

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DSA Jury Members

No jury members were appointed by the President, as there were no applicants for the DSA this year. The 2018 DSA Jury was 100% new last year, so all members are now on the same 2 year term, scheduled to expire in 2020. The incumbent President should begin considering replacement volunteers:

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2. Committee Goals:

The primary goal of the Awards Committee this year was to solicit more nominations for awards.

3. Committee Activity:

In prior years, I have attempted to increase nominations by changing from general broadcasted emails sent to all awards chairs to individual, targeted emails sent to awards chairs and chapter leaders immediately prior to monthly Board Meetings. This year, I changed to personal phone calls, initially to Awards Chairs and then to Chapter Presidents, again immediately before Board Meetings. My hope was to improve nominations by eliminating the possibility of emails being ignored or not seen.

I was able to speak with roughly 1/3 of the chapters when calling. Voicemail was left for those I could not reach, but few were returned. Of the people I spoke with, at least two had no knowledge of being the Awards Chair.

4. Status of Current Programs:

The Awards Program remains status-quo. No categories were changed this year.

5. Problem areas:

The fundamental problem of the Awards Committee is getting nominations from Chapters. Despite multiple approaches to stimulate interest, responses remain low. Historical data since I took this role shows that Eastern NY, Hartford, Housatonic, Long Island, New Jersey, Maine, Rhode Island, Rochester and Vermont have not nominated any of their members in the last 5 years. Boston has not nominated anyone in the last 4 years.

6. Recommendation for goals for next FY:

- A. The Board might consider a brain-storming session at one of the Board Meetings, to discuss collectively what difficulties impede the nomination process, or whether Chapters lack worthy recipients. There is a distinction between a Regional award and a local Chapter award, and perhaps Chapters have lots of great people doing great things for the Chapter which don't translate to the Region.
- B. Consider creating a portion of the website dedicated to Awards, which could include 1) the Awards Guideline as a stand-alone document, 2) the NERA Forms required for nomination and 3) samples of successful nominations, specifically the DSA, to use as a guideline.
- C. In 2016, changes were approved by the Region Board making Institute Fellows eligible for the DSA, but the Awards Guidelines have not been re-written to address that. They should be updated.

- D. Consider replacing me as Awards Chair. Over the 5 years I have served in this role, I do not seem to have made an appreciable improvement in the quantity of nominations. A new person with a fresh approach, may have better success.

Respectfully submitted;

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Cc: Region Secretary