NYSARH Conference Awards Subcommittee

Notes of January 7 2019 Conference Call

10:00-11:00

**On the Call: Charlotte Crawford, David Riddell and Jackie Leaf**

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| 1. **Solicit Nominations:** Begin solicitation efforts in February and run through June 25th as deadline. Jackie to have it included in Feb newsletter, will send membership email out and Charlotte will send to BOD with instructions for them to disseminate further. |
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| 1. **Review Award Criteria**: Previous criteria is good – Jackie will update the documents and send to Awards Committee for review prior to dissemination. Goal is to have it sent to the committee by January 25th |
| 1. **Present Selections to BOD** at the July 23rd meeting of the board |
| 1. **Notify Award Winners**: By August 1: We will notify nominee 1st and ask them if they want to notify their nominee or want us to and ask them if they can present at the ceremony. All awardees will also receive a formal letter. |
| 1. **Secure Awards** – Jackie to do |
| 1. **Organize Awards Ceremony** – Charlotte will do |
| 1. **Create Press Releases** – Staff to do |

1. **Next Meeting:** Monday July 8th at 10:00 am

**Award Descriptions:**

**Dr. Gary Ogden Rural Health Practitioner of the Year Award**

The recipient of this award must be a direct service provider who has demonstrated leadership in bringing health services to citizens of rural New York.

​This award was renamed in honor of Dr. Gary Ogden, who passed away early in January of 2007.  Candidates for this award should exhibit the same qualities we witnessed in Gary; a passion for life, selfless dedication to their community, organization, and especially, their patients; a strong sense of truth, and the conviction, belief, and action to make dreams a reality.

**Senator Patricia M. McGee Award**

Formerly the Award of Merit, the Senator Patricia M. McGee Rural Health Worker is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution of major significance to improve the health of rural populations. This Award was renamed the Senator McGee Award in recognition of the late Senator’s unyielding commitment to improving rural residents’ quality of life through legislation which will have a positive impact for many years to come. Her willingness to listen and respond to constituents from her own district, and throughout NYS, including NYSARH events, was greatly appreciated.  Consideration is given to all areas of health.  Nomination information should indicate that the individual’s efforts have gone beyond what is normally expected and are exemplary of dedication to the advancement of the health of the public.

**Outstanding Rural Health Program**

This award recognizes a community-wide, regional or statewide program involving one or more health care professionals, or entities that promote or facilitate the development of the rural health care delivery system.