ASPMN® Awards and Recognition Committee

Purpose of Committee: Achievement and Recognition Committee—This committee facilitates the administration of the APSPMN annual awards presented at the annual conference. The committee conducts most of its business via monthly to bi-monthly conference calls with the rest of the communication via email. The committee members are asked to evaluate the nominations for the Awards and meet at a conference call prior to the conference to determine the award recipients.

Chapter Excellence Award
The ASPMN® Chapter Award, established in 2000 by the American Society for Pain Management Nursing®, is presented to an ASPMN® chapter in recognition of development and activity in support of pain management nursing. The chapter award is now linked with the submission of the chapter annual reports and will be considered only if this report is active on file.

Margo McCaffery Nurse Exemplar Award
The ASPMN® Nurse Exemplar Award, established in 2000 by the American Society for Pain Management Nursing®, is presented to a nurse in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of pain management nursing. *Nominations do not have to come from members. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Dr. Jo Eland, Excellence in Pediatric Nursing Award
The Dr. Jo Eland, Excellence in Pediatric Nursing Award, originally established in 2011 as the ASPMN® Nurse Exemplar Award, is presented to a nurse in recognition of outstanding contribution to the field of pain management for the pediatric patient.

Distinguished Service Award
The ASPMN® Distinguished Service Award, established in 2000 by the ASPMN® Council of Past Presidents, is presented to a member of ASPMN® in recognition of outstanding leadership, participation, and contributions toward achieving the goals of ASPMN®. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Clinical Practice Award
The ASPMN® Clinical Practice Award is presented to an ASPMN® member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of clinical pain practice. Nominations must be from ASPMN® member(s).
Advocacy Award
The ASPMN® Pain Management Advocacy Award, established in 2004 by the ASPMN® Board of Directors, is presented to an individual or group in recognition of outstanding contributions in promoting awareness of pain and its treatment through local, state, and national advocacy programs; governmental reform, and/or media exposure. Nominations must be from ASPMN® member(s).

ASPMN® Nurse Excellence Award in Pain Management of the Older Adult
Developed in 2006 with the award of an NCA grant, the Nurse Excellence Award in Pain Management of the Older Adult recognizes excellence in work promoting optimal pain control in older adults. The award will be granted to the ASPMN® member who demonstrates a sustained commitment to pain management care for the elderly, at the ASPMN® National Conference. Announcements will be made to publicize the award and enhance recognition for the recipient through a press release and the website.

Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee: Term of Office, 2 years
The Committee Chair is appointed by the Board of Directors.

The second year of the chair’s term, an “Intent to Chair” form will be sent to all current committee members for the chair position the following year. The current chair will mentor the incoming chair.

Important Traits for Awards and Recognition Committee Chair:
- The Chair of the committee must have previously served on the committee
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for the committee's work
- Organize, attend and facilitate the meetings/conference calls of the committee
- Communicate in a timely and reliable manner with the President, the Board, the Executive Staff and the Committee Members
- Provide strong leadership for the committee members and delegate appropriately
- Seek creative solutions from membership to address projects and challenges

Committee Member
POLICY: The Committee Member’s term of office is for 3 years. The committee member’s term of office is renewed annually based on their submission of a “Willingness to Serve” form along with fulfilling the guidelines set forth by the Committee. Committee members must be active members of ASPMN®.