

Title: Committee: Awards and Honors Committee	Number:
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I. PURPOSE:

To recognize individuals who exemplify exceptional outstanding achievement in Emergency Nursing.

To recognize those who continually go above and beyond the call of duty.

II. BACKGROUND/DEFINITIONS:

- **Nurse Manager Award:** recognizes a nurse in an emergency nursing management role who has consistently demonstrated excellence in emergency nursing leadership, making significant contributions
- **Nursing Competency in Aging Award:** recognizes a nurse who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the care of the older adult in the emergency care setting and/or the older adult in a community program
- **Nursing Practice and Professionalism Award:** recognizes a nurse who exemplifies outstanding nursing practice as demonstrated through clinical skills, care, and compassion. This nurse is recognized by peers as an expert in emergency nursing and consistently exhibits traits associated with professional behavior and commitment to professional values. This individual may demonstrate outstanding commitment to a specialty population such as pediatrics or older adults within the specialty of emergency nursing.
- **Pediatric Readiness Improvement Award:** recognizes a nurse who has demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve readiness in caring for children in the emergency care setting, as stated in the "Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department" joint policy statement.
- **Quality, Safety, and Injury Prevention Award:** recognizes a nurse who has developed, implemented or advocated for quality, safety and/or injury prevention initiatives that have resulted in improved outcomes in the emergency care setting at the local, state or national level
- **Mary Leblond Advocacy Award:** recognizes a nurse who has had a positive impact on emergency nurses through a sustained commitment of advocacy for emergency nurses' well-being and welfare or the welfare of vulnerable populations
- **Nursing Education Award:** recognizes a nurse who has made significant contributions to the education of colleagues, nursing students, EMS personnel, patients, families and/or the community through the publication of articles, formal or informal courses or the development of a specific emergency nursing program or curricula
- **Rising Star Award:** recognizes a new ENA member (member less than five years) who has made a significant contribution to ENA as exhibited by

promotion of ENA as the professional organization for emergency nurses at the local, state, or national level

- **Founders Award:** This award honors a member of ENA who has consistently demonstrated excellence in emergency nursing and has made significant contributions to the profession and to ENA
- **Behind the Scenes Award:** recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions, behind the scenes, to promote ENA's mission of advocating for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice through their support of a member or members; an ENA advocate who is often seen but not heard and who donates countless hours to assist an ENA member or members in achieving local, state, or national goals.
- **Crisis Response Team Award:** recognizes an emergency department health care team that has risen above-and-beyond to achieve ENA's mission by responding to the challenges of working during a crisis situation, such as public health crisis or natural or man-made disasters.
- **Team Award:** recognizes a group or committee that has made a significant contribution toward achieving ENA's mission through the development of a sustainable project or program

1. Membership: Current active ENA member

2. Qualifications of Chairperson/Vice-Chair:

- a. Have attended at least two (2) Texas State Council General Assembly meetings in the previous year.

Terms of Office: 3 years

- a. Year 1 – Vice-Chair
- b. Year 2 – Chair
- c. Year 3 – Chair with Vice-Chair

3. Composition: The Awards and Honors Committee shall consist of the following who shall be appointed by the Texas State Council President and approved by the Texas State Council Board of Directors (BOD)

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Committee members
- d. State Council BOD Liaison

4. Vacancies

- a. Chair – Filled by the current Vice-Chair
- b. Vice-Chair – Appointed by the Texas State Council President and approved by the Texas State Council BOD.

III. **PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE:**

The Awards and Honors Committee will:

- a. Develop, submit for approval, and monitor an annual committee budget.
- b. Develop and submit for approval a plan for committee activities.
- c. Maintain a close liaison with Board Members.
- d. Submit a written report of committee progress at the state council meetings. If present, submit an oral report on behalf of the committee at said meetings.
- e. Disseminate TxENA Achievement Awards application information annually
- f. Select and present Achievement Awards to Award recipients.
- g. Submit previous year's TxENA Achievement Awards recipient's application to ENA for annual Achievement Awards.
- h. Organize annual TxENA Awards and Honors Dinner Event.

The **Awards and Honors Chair** has the following responsibilities:

1. Develop and distribute meeting agendas and reports from committee meetings.
2. Conduct and chair Committee meetings quarterly and as needed to complete identified tasks.
3. Deliver a quarterly written and oral report on behalf of the committee at State General Assembly meetings. Written reports must be entered into Google Drive or other state specified means.
4. Develop and submit for approval an annual committee budget.
5. Serve as mentor to Vice-Chair
6. Review Achievement Awards application prior to committee receiving and scoring Achievement Awards application.
7. Preside over the determination of Achievement Awards process.
8. Notify all applicants of the outcome of their Achievement Awards application.
9. Promote the Achievement Awards process across the state
10. Preside and organize over the annual TxENA Awards and Honors Dinner Event.

The **Vice Chair** has the following responsibilities:

1. Assist the Chair as requested with the above duties.
2. After serving as Vice-Chair, be willing to seek appointment as Chair the following year at the discretion of the Texas State Council BOD.

The Committee **Members** has the following responsibility:

1. Assist the chairperson in meeting the committee's purpose and charges.
2. Promote, review, and score the TxENA annual Achievement Awards applications
3. Assist with organization of annual TxENA Awards and Honors Dinner Event.

References:

1. <https://www.ena.org/about/awards-recognition/achievement>. Accessed 3/29/2022
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