Membership Recognition Program

Arthur Base has prepared a draft proposal for the Recognition of Long Standing Members Program. The proposal has been distributed to the Membership Committee with the intention of having a final review and discussion at our September/19 Committee Meeting and then forwarding to the National Board for approval at their December/19 Board meeting.

The Recognition of Long Standing Members program is an opportunity for CHES to recognize those members who have continually supported the organization over the years. The proposed program aims to recognize current members who have achieved the milestone of 20 years of membership and increments of 5 years thereafter; 20, 25, 30, 35 years (and soon 40 years). They would be presented with a plaque and lapel pin annually at the National Conference.

CHES Awards Updates

Scoring Report Cards were received from seven Membership Committee members to determine the recommended submissions for the Hans Burgers and Wayne McLellan Awards. After the scores were tabulated, the recommended submissions for 2019 are as follows:

Hans Burgers Award from 3 submissions Peter Whiteman

Wayne McLellan Award from 4 submissions Interior Health (BC)

Presidents Chapter Award

Currently, the deadline for chapters to send in their submissions for the Presidents Chapter Award is July 31st. This date leaves little time for the Membership Committee to recommend and then the National Executive to approve the winning Chapter and then make arrangements for travel and registration for the National Conference in September. Thus, the deadline for Chapters to send in their Presidents Award submissions has been revised to May 31st, for future years.

Also, the Committee has revised the Terms of Reference for the Presidents Award to clarify that the one year period being considered for scoring purposes will be our fiscal year, April 1st to March 31st.

For 2018/19, the Membership Committee reviewed the submissions and has recommended that CHES Maritimes be the recipients of the Presidents Award.

Young Professionals Grant (YPG)

The only submission for the YPG met all the requirements as set out in the terms of reference, thus the Membership Committee recommends that Laura Morales be awarded the YPG for 2019.
Since there were 2 sponsorships submitted for the YPG but only one candidate/submission, the Membership Committee proposed that the 2 sponsors (Alberta CHES Chapter and Ontario CHES Chapter) be asked to co-sponsor the award.

Both Chapters were approached and have approved the co-sponsoring arrangement.

**Proration of Membership Fees**

A request was received for the Membership Committee to consider prorating CHES Membership Fees.

After much discussion, the Committee decided to not create a prorating policy for Membership Fees since the current practice should serve to accommodate anyone joining part way through the year.

The current practice is to give new members a membership for the balance of the year if they sign up and pay (for a full year) in the Fall and then apply the full year payment to the next fiscal year.

**Review of Membership Committee Terms of Reference, Job Description and Policies**

The National Office has sent Membership Committee Members the Terms of Reference Policy D1.1, Job Description Policy D1.2 and Policies D2.1, D2.2, D2.3, D2.4, and D2.5 for review and comment. Deadline for reply from Committee Members was July 15th.