

Awards

Anne Greenwood
PNWD Awards Advisor
anne@green-woods.com

The National Awards Committee, comprised of one Advisor from each NSP Division and the National Awards Coordinator, met in early December of 2008 in Denver. Ten divisions were represented. Here are some of the topics covered and work accomplished. *"Proposed changes, made by the National Awards Committee in December 2008, will take effect upon approval of the National Board. The National Board may meet in April, if not at that time, then in June 2009."*

- Progress was made in developing designs for: the National Outstanding OEC Instructor perpetual trophy that will be on display at the National Office; the individual and patrol National Outstanding take home trophies; and on the Memorial Medallion.
- Executive Director, Tim White, shared his vision to be true to the principles, heritage, tradition and charter of NSP. Saying "thank-you" is a strong part of our heritage. The Awards Program is the means to do so.
- A reminder concerning Instructor Pins: Encourage ALL programs to utilize this pin to recognize their instructors, not just OEC.
- Clarification in Chapter 10, AWARDS, of the "Policies & Procedures" was made to: the appeal process of an award; to the Minnie Dole Award Review process and to Merit Stars qualifications.
- Updated guidelines for the DSA Award were made: one DSA is allowed in a lifetime of service.
- National Outstanding Awards: Region Advisors are eligible for National Outstanding Awards for Administrator and Instructor; they may also be considered for other awards but the information regarding their region duties must not be included on the nomination form.
- All the Awards Forms were reviewed, cleaned up and points clarified where there seemed to be confusion.
- To better clarify the age qualification for an Outstanding young Adult nominee, it was rewritten to read, "Any patroller may be nominated if no greater than 19 years of age on June 1st in the year nominated."
- Development has begun on an Awards Training Manual. All division awards advisors are contributing to make a manual that will help guide other patrollers through the process of choosing the right award for a patroller or patrolling incident, form finding, information gathering/documentation, writing of letters, completing forms and the nomination process.

Much more was shared, reviewed, debated and voted upon. The updated forms have been posted on the NSP website. So, the reminder to use the CURRENT forms is more important than ever. The *one* repository that will *always* have the most *current forms* is the NSP website.

REMINDERS:

- **Current forms** are available at: www.nsp.org or your Regional Awards Advisor or in the 2008-2009 Policies and Procedures. If you choose to go on-line, here is how to get the forms.
 1. "Login" with your member number and password.
 2. Go to Member Services, click on My Bookshelf.

3. Look for Reference & Resource Materials, click on Downloads.
4. Look for "Award Forms" - Click on the "available forms can be found here."

Your choices are: [pdf or word](#). You can add info to the downloaded Word form on the computer. The PDF form will not allow any changes or info to be added, but can be printed and used on a typewriter.

- *Review the NSP "Policies and Procedures, Chapter 10". At step #4 (above), click on "Policies and Procedures 2008-2009". You can choose to print out or review the entire manual or only Chapter 10, the Awards Chapter.*
- **A minimum of 45 days is needed for processing any award upon RECEIPT AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE.**
- *Signatures are needed.*

***** Merit Stars; Meritorious Service Awards; Distinguished Service Awards and National Appointments have **no deadline** but still require the [45 days minimum for processing upon receipt at the National Office](#).*****

Region Awards Advisors, the **deadline** for the **2009 Division Outstanding Patrol and Patroller Award** nominations to your Division Awards Advisor is **June 30th, 2009.**

Region Awards Advisors have different deadlines. Contact them for your region deadlines.

Region Awards Advisors:

Kelli Piper – **Inland**
7122 W. Kendrick Rd.
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
(H) 509-328-5391
piper@gonzaga.edu

Jodie Jeffers – **Mt. Hood**
1375 Prairie Clover Ave. NE
Keizer OR 97303
(H) 503-390-3405
tailwaggin1@msn.com

Nick Garson – **Northwest**
4363 232 Ct. S.E.
Sammamish WA 98075
(H) 425-392-8092
Nick.garson@boeing.com

Jody Tuttle – **Oregon**
2065 NW Glassow
Bend OR 97701
(H) 541-501-2456
jody@thegarnergroupp.com

Robin Ulrich – **Southern Idaho**
P.O. Box 92
Gooding ID 83330
(H) 208-934-8528
hangingj@msn.com

Dale Luther – **Southern Idaho**
1001 Foothill Dr.
Ontario OR 97914
(H) 541-889-5743
pam1976@srvinet.com