

Special Contributions to Public Policy

Purpose and Requirements

The Award for Special Contributions in Public Policy is given to those individuals or organizations that have made exemplary contributions in the public policy arena. The Award allows individuals in the political arena, as well as those within international non-government agencies, to receive the recognition they deserve for public policy contributions, broadly defined. Members of SCRA will be eligible for inclusion. The first Award recommendation was made in 2007 and subsequently in every odd-numbered year to coincide with the SCRA biennial conferences.

Submission Deadline: December 1, of even-numbered years.

Award Committee

The Committee will consist of five members: the Public Policy Committee Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair (or their designees); a SCRA Executive Committee Member; and a Public Policy Committee Member. The Public Policy Committee Chair (or her/his designate) will act as the Chair of the Award Committee.

In September of even-numbered years, the Chair will request from the SCRA Executive Committee a candidate or candidates from the SCRA EC to serve on the Award Committee. The Chair will also solicit (via email to all current members of the Public Policy Committee) nominations or self-nominations of individuals to serve on the Award Committee. The Committee Chair considers the review committee nominations in collaboration with the Chair-Elect and Past Chair, and then appoints the committee members.

Members of the Public Policy Committee will vote electronically (by October 15) for the two at-large review committee positions. The Chair will disseminate the results of the election (winners only; no numbers) to the Public Policy Committee and the SCRA EC by October 30 of even-numbered years.

Special Procedure and Decision Making Process (in addition to the general procedures, above)

1. Nominations for award should include the following materials

For an individual:

- CV or resume (full or abbreviated)
- Statement (maximum of four pages) regarding major social policy contributions of the individual
- Up to three letters of support

For an organization:

- CV or resume for organization head or key individual
- Organization description/mission statement
- Statement (maximum of four pages) regarding major social policy contributions of the organization
- Up to three letters of support

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1. This award requires EC Mid-Winter meeting action to approve.
2. Award committee members will review all materials and independently rank order the top five applications.
3. The Chair will compile rankings, share the results with the Award Committee, and then convene a meeting of the Award Committee – either by conference call or electronically – to come to a consensus set of rankings and recommendations. The first candidate will be recommended for the award; the second two will be considered runner-ups and will be automatically nominated for the subsequent year.
4. The Chair will submit the committee's recommendations, along with a 150-word paragraph describing the contributions of the individual/organization and why they were selected, to the

Executive Director and MA-MAL by January 15 of odd-numbered years. The Executive Director and MAL-MA will forward it to the EC for consideration at the mid-winter meeting or EC conference call, whichever comes first.

5. A decision on the recommendation will be made by the EC.
6. A member of the EC will inform the Awards Chair who will contact the recipient per the general award procedures, above.

Award Presentation

The awardee receives a plaque given at the SCRA biennial.