

national association for **interpretation**

PROFESSIONAL
A W A R D S
P R O G R A M

Through its awards program, NAI recognizes outstanding achievements and showcases the successes of NAI members and others working to advance the profession of interpretation. As a member of NAI, you are exposed to outstanding and inspiring programs and professionals. Please nominate someone you know and respect. This year's national awards will be presented at the National Interpreters Workshop (NIW) in Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 12-16, 2002.

Nominations must be received no later than Friday, May 31, 2002.



For more information about NAI, contact **NAI, P.O. Box 2246, Fort Collins, CO, 80522**, 888.900.8283, www.interpnet.com

The 2002 NAI Professional Awards Program is sponsored in part by **Stone Imagery**, www.stoneimagery.com.

TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

You must:

Be an **NAI member**.

Submit the **information requested** for the chosen award category.

Submit the **original nomination** and **5 copies**. (Faxes and e-mails will *not* be accepted.)

Ensure that the nomination is received by **May 31, 2002**.

Include a **cover sheet** with the following information:

award category
NAI member category of nominee
nominee's address
your name
your address
nominee's name
nominee's title / agency or organization
nominee's day phone / fax / e-mail
your title / organization or agency
your day phone / fax / e-mail

Send nominations to

Debbie Tewell
NAI Professional Awards
2001 Chipmunk Ct.
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

NOTE

NAI's president and members of the current Professional Awards Committee are ineligible for awards during their terms.

Sarah Blodgett, president
Deb Tewell, awards committee chair

2002 Committee Members

Evie Kirkwood
Gail Vander Stoep
Brian Cahill
Andrea Haslage
Nina Roberts

Recipients must be prepared to provide the committee a head shot photo, several slides of them during their careers, and a camera-ready organization or agency logo.

FELLOW

one awarded each year

Our highest honor for a member exemplifying career achievement in guiding the interpretive profession through training, mentoring, writing, front-line interpretation and management, and who provides strong support for NAI.

Submit the following information:

- 1) List evidence of the nominee's contributions to the field of interpretation in any of the areas listed above.
- 2) List activity in NAI at chapter, section, regional, national, or international level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships.
- 3) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 4) List newsletter, magazine and/or journal articles, books, and other publications, when they were authored and support information such as where an article appeared.
- 5) Indicate consultant activities, instructional activities, and front-line interpretive experience.
- 6) Attach no more than three letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 10 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

no limit

Presented to members who have performed extensive and invaluable service to NAI on the national level.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Describe the nominee's NAI-related projects and/or overall commitment to NAI.

Nomination must not exceed 1 page in length excluding cover page.

NOTE

A comprehensive listing of award recipients can be found at www.interpnet.com. (Click on "About the Association.")

QUESTIONS?

Contact Deb Tewell, NAI Awards chair:

928.522.6543

MASTER INTERPRETER

up to two awarded in each sub-category (below) each year

MASTER INTERPRETIVE MANAGER

Presented to an NAI member who has worked for five or more years in the profession and whose current duties are at least 60 percent supervisory and administrative. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive technique, site or program and staff management, and a respected ability to pass these skills on to others.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Describe nominee's involvement in interpretation and in management, indicating innovative programs, mentoring experience, creative approaches to making interpretive services available to the public, facility or program development, and management techniques.
- 2) List key projects or programs developed by the nominee.
- 3) List activity in NAI at chapter, section, regional or national level. Include offices held, committee work and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships.
- 4) List awards, recognitions and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 5) Attach up to three letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 7 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

MASTER FRONT-LINE INTERPRETER

Presented to an NAI member who has worked for five or more years in the profession and whose current duties are at least 60 percent front-line interpretation. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive techniques, program development, and design of creative projects.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Describe nominee's involvement and achievements in front-line interpretation, past and present.
- 2) List any key projects or programs developed by the nominee.
- 3) List activity in NAI at chapter, section, regional or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships.
- 4) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 5) Attach up to three letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 7 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

OUTSTANDING PRODUCT OR SERVICE BY NAI REGION, SECTION, OR CHAPTER

one awarded each year

Presented to a unit of NAI for an outstanding or beneficial project, product, or program.
(Workshops are excluded from being nominated.)

Submit the following information to the best of your knowledge:

- 1) Describe the product or service and its impact on the membership or interpretation in general.
- 2) Describe the involvement of the NAI unit in the development of this project, program, or service.

For products: Attach a photocopied picture of the product (if printed materials, include 2 sample pages, not entire publication.) For AV materials, mail 2 copies. For web site, list URL.

Nomination must not exceed 3 pages in length, including picture of product/project.



OUTSTANDING NEW INTERPRETER

one awarded each year

Presented to an NAI member who has worked fewer than five years in the profession, full- or part-time, and who demonstrates a recognized potential in interpretation, assumption of leadership roles, creativity in programming or facility development, and a commitment to the profession and NAI.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Describe nominee's involvement in front-line interpretation.
- 2) List outstanding projects or programs developed and describe evidence that the nominee has leadership potential.
- 3) List activity in NAI at chapter, section, regional, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships.
- 4) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 5) Attach up to three letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 6 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR/RETIRED INTERPRETER

one awarded per year

Presented to an NAI member and lifelong interpreter who is no longer working full time in the profession (may be working part time or as a volunteer) and who has dedicated his/her lifetime career to interpretation as a front-line interpreter, interpretive manager/administrator, or both.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Describe nominee's involvement in interpretation or management, past and present, with an indication of how the nominee has dedicated his/her career to the profession.
- 2) List activity in NAI at chapter, section, regional, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships.
- 3) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 4) Attach up to three letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 6 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

OUTSTANDING INTERPRETIVE VOLUNTEER

one awarded each year

Presented to an NAI member who has worked five or more years as a volunteer interpreter, whose educational background is not in interpretation, and whose current volunteer duties are in front-line interpretation or administration of an interpretive program. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive techniques and program development, and must demonstrate initiative and a dedication to the affiliated institution.

Submit the following the information:

- 1) Include number of hours per year volunteer donates to the affiliated organization.
- 2) Describe nominee's involvement and achievements in front-line interpretation or interpretive program administration.
- 3) List any key projects or programs developed by the nominee.
- 4) List activity in NAI chapter, section, region, or national-level program. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships.
- 5) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 6) Attach up to three letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 7 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.



EXCELLENCE IN INTERPRETIVE SUPPORT

up to two awarded each year

Presented to a member or nonmember individual, governing body or official, administrator, business, agency, or organization who has shown recognition of the value of interpretation through exceptional and sustained support. This support may be broad-based financial, administrative or executive (or a combination of these) and serves as a respected model for other interpretive venues and contributors. Recognition may be for (but is not limited to) sponsorship or support for interpretive programs and enhancement of interpretive facilities.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Describe the nominee's efforts and how they have resulted in lasting benefits to interpretation and set a standard for the interpretive field.
- 2) If efforts are for a specific project, describe the unique nature of the project, its impact on interpretation, and the audiences served.
- 3) Attach up to 2 letters of support.

Nomination must not exceed 4 pages in length, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

COMMUNITY INTERPRETIVE SERVICE AWARD

no limit

This award recognizes member or nonmember businesses, individuals, or civic groups whose major focus is not interpretation but have worked in their region or community to demonstrate financial or program support for local organizations or agencies with interpretive projects or facilities.

If selected by the Awards Committee, a \$40 fee (U.S. dollars) is required from the nominator to cover the cost of plaque engraving and U.S. shipping. Both NAI and the nominating agency are listed on the plaque. A news release template will be included with the plaque. These awards are not presented at the NIW. Nominating agencies/individuals arrange for presentation at a time and location of their choice. Plaques will be shipped by December 31, 2002.

Submit the following information:

- 1) Identify the nominee's field of business.
- 2) Describe the nominee's role in supporting interpretation in your community or for your agency.
- 3) Attach one letter of support and, if available, one page of supporting material, such as a copy of a newspaper clipping, photograph of project, etc....

Nomination must not exceed 3 pages in length, including letter of support, excluding cover page. If selected, NAI will contact you regarding fee and shipping information. Do not enclose \$40 with nomination.

SPECIAL AWARDS

no limit

Presented to members or nonmembers, individuals, agencies, or organizations whose service to NAI and its membership does not fit into one of the standard categories.

These awards may be in the form of certificates of appreciation, honorary memberships for nonmembers or other recognition. In addition to nominations from members, the Executive Committee of NAI may choose to grant awards in this category.

- 1) Describe the nominee's service and suggested type of award.

Nomination must not exceed 2 pages in length.

2001 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Fellow

CEM BASMAN

Master Front-Line Interpreter

DAVID STOKES

Master Interpretive Manager

PATRICK BARRY

Outstanding New Interpreter

LESLIE WITKOWSKI

Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer

**PEGGY BETHANY AND
CARLTON COMBS**

President's Award

ENDA MILLS KILEY

Outstanding NAI Volunteer Award

BOB JENNINGS

Legacy Magazine Awards

outstanding feature article

ROBINNE L. WEISS

outstanding feature article

CHUCK ARNING

outstanding commentary

JJ RUTHERFORD