



2019-2021 Member Services Awards Subcommittee – Conference Call
Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

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<http://www.nahro.org/content/nahro-member-services-committee>

Attendance:

Those on the call: Kathy Walter, Dale Gravett, Andy Rodriguez, Revonda Stordahl, and April Thompson

Guests:

Milet Hopping

Kathy Walter welcomed everyone, and she said the purpose of the call was to determine if the Awards of Merit deadline should be extended and to identify some 2020 Awards of Excellence winners who could be featured in a possible National Conference session.

Kathy said since entries were still low for the Awards of Merit, she wanted to know if the group thought they should recommend the deadline be extended for a month. Milet Hopping thought it would be a good idea and the rest of the group agreed. Dale Gravett said he had wanted to submit an entry, but with everything going on, he hadn't had time yet. He said if the deadline was extended, he would now be able to submit the application.

Kathy asked if they reviewed the past Award of Excellence winners, and if anyone wanted to suggest some for possible inclusion in the conference session. Dale Gravett mentioned in the past they tried to select topics from differing agency sizes and parts of the county, which could be easily replicated. Kathy said she liked the one submitted by one of their own committee members. She liked the Health & Wellness Programs (Community Revitalization) from the Nampa Housing Authority, which was Andy Rodriguez's agency. She then provided some more suggestions and opened the floor for other suggestions:

Kathy: Housing Santa Barbara Day (Administration Innovation), Public Housing Youth Taking Flight in Aviation (Resident & Client Services), HYPRE/TWTW Youth Employment Program (Resident & Client Services), Digital Initiative (Administration Innovation), and Funding Scholarships Using PILOT Contributions (Administration Innovation)

Revonda: New Path Community Partnership (Affordable Housing), Annual Backpack Giveaway (Resident & Client Services) and Donovan Manor Health & Wellness Partnership (Resident and Client Services)

Milet: Garcia Street Urban Farm (Community Revitalization)

The rest of the committee members also concurred with these selections. Kathy asked if these could be included in a ranking system so everyone could vote on them and staff said yes. Dale also mentioned they usually pick four in case one of the three is unable to participate. Staff said they had plenty of time to make the selections since planning for the National Conference usually does not start until May.

Kathy then circled back to the Awards of Merit asking when they would be selected. Staff said they would take place in late March or early April. Staff also said they had not decided when they would be presented so that is something the subcommittee could discuss later.

Kathy asked if there was anything else and hearing none, the call ended at 3:30 pm.