



**2021-2023 Member Services Awards Subcommittee**  
**Zoom Call**  
**July 7, 2022, 11:00 am-11:30 pm ET**

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Committee webpage URL: <https://www.nahro.org/about/nahro-leadership/national-standing-committees/member-services-committee/member-services-21-23-correspondence-and-meeting-summaries/>

**Attendance:**

Those present: Nikki Caudle, Kia Fuller, Dale Gravett, MaryLiz Paulson, Peggy Rice, Gail Sansbury, Revonda Stordahl, and Michael Sweet

Those absent: Sharon Dixson, Larry Guanzon, Denita Johnson, Lori McGowan, Michele Poletti, Karen Reynolds, and Betsy Soto,

**Guests**

Milet Hopping

**NAHRO Staff**

Lori Myers-Carpenter

Staff gave a brief update on the Awards of Merit. She said they received 190 entries, which was down from the 202 they received last year, and of those 178 won a merit award and 62 were nominated for excellence. She said the Awards of Merit will be presented at the National Conference, and after the conference, the Awards of Excellence will be graded by national juries, with the selection happening in December/January and the presentation at the Washington Conference in March. She said the contest between the regions seemed to be a success since two regions, MPRC and NERC, increased their entries dramatically by almost tripling (MPRC) and doubling (NERC) the number of entries they submitted the previous year.

Staff also reported on the session they had hoped to propose for the National Call for Presentations. She said the agencies they invited to participate in the session turned down the invitation to speak. She said she will inquire if there is another way to include any of the other award winners in another session or possibly during a roundtable discussion. Dale Gravett and MaryLiz Paulson asked if she knew why they had turned down the invitation, and staff said it was because they were not going to attend the conference. She heard from other agencies they still have travel restrictions in place so that may be the reason for them not going to San Diego. Peggy Rice said her agency just recently started traveling in state, but they haven't gone out of state yet. Milet Hopping asked if they could possibly do the session remotely. Staff said not during the conference, but there has been some talk about featuring sessions that didn't make the cut after the conference in webinars, so she will check with the conference director to see if this is a possibility.

Staff then reviewed the objectives with the committee members, and remarked they had completed quite a few of them already – better promoting the awards, holding the contest,

engaging the regions more, etc. The only ones still outstanding were holding a session either in person or virtually and reviewing the current awards to make sure they are still relevant. The latter which will take place towards the end of the year after the current awards season is over. Staff congratulated them for their hard work since most of their objectives had already been reached and it was just the halfway mark.

Staff said she did not know who would be taking over the committee after her departure, but she would create a summary so they would know what had been covered. She ended the call by saying she enjoyed working with all of them and she knew they would be doing even more great work ahead.

The call ended at 11:30 am.

The next Awards Subcommittee meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Conference in San Diego, September 22-24