

Nancy Tonkin Distinguished Service Award

Purpose of the Award

To acknowledge and honor an outstanding West Virginia Physical Therapy Association member whose contributions to the profession of physical therapy are of exceptional and enduring value and representative of the dedication and service provided by Nancy Tonkin.

Eligibility

The nominee must be a member (PT or PTA) of the Chapter for a minimum of 10 years and has made a significant contribution to the physical therapy profession.

Members of the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Delegate and PTA Caucus Representative) are not be eligible for the award during their term of service.

Selection Criteria

The Nominee shall have made substantial contributions to the Physical Therapy profession in one or more of the following areas:

- Demonstrated prominent professional leadership and helped to advance the interests and objectives of the physical therapy profession.
- Obtained state or national recognition and respect as a result of professional activities
- Helped to advance the physical therapy profession through education, practice, research, or advocacy
- Served as an accomplished professional role model or mentor, and helped other WVPTA members to reach their highest potential.

Procedure for Nomination

Any member of the Chapter may nominate a candidate for this award.

The complete packet, containing all materials listed below must be sent electronically and received by the Chapter office: info@wvpta.org by **December 1**.

Required Materials

The following materials must be submitted electronically in a single pdf file:

- One (1) primary letter of support from the nominator (WVPTA member), indicating the reasons for the nomination and clarifying the relationship between the nominator and nominee. The support letter must state how the nominee meets one or more of the four (4) bullet points under the above selection criteria.
- An additional support letter from another individual who does not have to be a WVPTA member but who can speak to the nominee's contribution to the physical therapy profession.
- The nominee's updated curriculum vitae or resume

All nominees will be notified that they have been nominated by **December 15** by the Chapter office.

Award Selection

All nominations will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee chaired by the Chapter Vice President. The Chapter President will appoint two (2) additional Chapter members to serve on the ad hoc committee each year. Ad hoc members must be members of the WVPTA. The committee will make the selection by **January 15**.

Notification and Presentation of the Award

The President of the Chapter will notify the recipient of the award by **February 1** to allow time for the nominee to make plans to attend the Annual Conference. The awardee will be kept confidential until the Annual Conference Business Meeting. The award will be presented by the Vice President at the Annual Conference Business meeting. The awardee will receive an engraved plaque and a complimentary registration to the Annual Conference in the year the award is received. All recipients of the Award will be displayed on the Chapter website in perpetuity.