



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
July 2023**

**Office or Committee Name:** WSWS Fellows and Honorary Member

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Rich Zollinger

**Date of Preparation (include year):** July 14, 2023

**Activities during the year:**

Two nominations were submitted in 2023 to the committee for Fellow Award (two for Public Sector and none for Private Sector). The committee recommended Brad Hanson and Corey Ransom from the private sector for Board approval. One nomination for Honorary Member was submitted to the committee. The committee recommended Dr. Dan Kunkel for Board approval. Awards were presented at the 2023 meeting in Boise, Idaho.

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

None.

Context: Many previous recommendations regarding updating the Fellows and Honorary Member section of the Operating Guide, Constitution, and By-Laws were approved by the board but those recommendations were not made in the documents. In March of 2023 I made a through revision of all three documents to include the recommendations, to update responsibilities of the committee, to harmonize and clarify the instructions, and to restructure the Fellows and Honorary Member section in the three documents to omit duplicate information and to include relevant information.

Some information clarified are:

1. Current members of the Fellows and Honorary Member Committee are not eligible to nominate candidates for these awards to avoid a conflict of interest.
2. Packets of the nominees' biographical data and submissions will remain in the active file for three (3) years even if the packets are not updated annually by the nominator.
3. The operating guide clearly designates who will notify award recipients The awardees will be informed at least 2 months prior to the annual meeting of their award with an email from the committee and a congratulatory phone call from the WSWS president.

4. The nominators will be informed of the status of their nomination(s) and, if their nominee was not selected, encourage the nominator to update the packet for the next year.

5. The guidelines for nominating a WSWS Fellow or Honorary Member were revised and clarified.

In March, 2023 I sent the revisions to Sandra McDonald. Sandra made the revisions with many other revisions and sent the documents to the board and other WSWS members on June 27, 2023 for review. To my knowledge the documents are presently being reviewed and I assume these revisions will be discussed at the WSWS Summer Board meeting.

**Budget Needs: None**

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