2015 ABSA Honor Awards

The Council has asked the ABSA Awards Committee to seek nominations for the 2015 ABSA Honor Awards, to be presented at the 58th Annual Biological Safety Conference, October 9-14, 2015. All ABSA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the awards, to be received no later than June 1, 2015.

The three honor awards for which nominations are being sought are Arnold G. Wedum Distinguished Achievement Award, the Everett Hanel, Jr. Presidential Award, and the John H. Richardson Special Recognition Award. You are strongly encouraged to submit the completed nomination form either on-line through the ABSA website (http://www.absa.org/bioawards.html) or by using the PDF form submitted directly to the ABSA Office (info@absa.org or fax 847-566-4580). Letters of recommendation are no longer required. You are encouraged to submit personal anecdotes or comments on why you feel the nominee is worthy of the award. Consider what you would want the ABSA President to say about your nominee should they be selected. Providing an individual’s CV without supporting information does not assist the Awards Committee with their assessment of the nominations.

The ABSA Awards Committee will review nominations for the three Honor Awards and will recommend candidates to the Council for consideration. The Awards Committee may choose to make, if appropriate, more than one recommendation or no recommendation for an award. Presentation of awards will take place at the Honor Awards and Special Recognition Luncheon during the annual conference, and the recipients will be notified in sufficient time to allow them to attend the meeting.

Requirements for the nominators and nominees are:
1. The nominee must be a current member of ABSA or eligible for emeritus membership
2. An individual may not receive the same award twice
3. Self-nomination is prohibited
4. Nominators must be members of ABSA
5. Nominees who are not chosen for an award in the year in which they are nominated will be reconsidered for up to two additional years. The Awards Committee Chair will request, as appropriate, updates of the nominees’ documentation from the nominators
6. Members of the Council or the Awards Committee are not eligible to receive an award in the year in which they are serving

Documents required for nomination include:
A completed nominating form, including a detailed evaluation of the nominee’s outstanding contributions to the field, as detailed below:

Arnold G. Wedum Distinguished Achievement Award is given to a CURRENT ABSA member for outstanding contributions to biological safety accomplished through teaching, research, service, or leadership.

Everett Hanel, Jr. Presidential Award is given to a CURRENT ABSA member for outstanding contributions to ABSA by promoting the field of biological safety and fostering, by example, the high professional standards of the Association’s membership.

John H. Richardson Special Recognition Award was developed to recognize an individual for a specific contribution that has enhanced the American Biological Safety Association and/or the profession of biosafety.

Past award recipients are listed on the ABSA website http://www.absa.org/bioawards.html
2015 ABSA Honor Award Nomination Form

Please use a separate form for each nomination. You must complete ALL sections. If either the Teaching or Service/Leadership categories are not applicable for the nomination, then state NOT APPLICABLE. Consider what you would want the ABSA President to say about your nominee should they be selected for this award. Attaching an individual’s CV does not assist the Awards Committee with their assessment of the nominations. Forms must be received by the ABSA Office by June 1, 2015.

Nomination for:

☐ Arnold G. Wedum Distinguished Achievement Award
☐ Evertt Hanel, Jr. Presidential Award
☐ John H. Richardson Special Recognition Award

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Title: ___________________________________ Organization: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Contributions and Achievements:

Fully considering the award description, please describe the achievements and provide personal anecdotes or comments on why you feel the nominee is worthy of the designated ABSA Honor Award. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

Teaching: List of courses taught; list of publications related to teaching of biosafety and/or related topics; list of teaching seminars, symposia or workshops given by the nominee to lay and/or professional groups; memberships of national, regional, state or local committees, panels, etc., on teaching; list of previous awards or recognition for outstanding teaching; any information documenting teaching excellence.

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Service and Leadership: List of committee service; list of taskforces service; membership on editorial boards, etc.; appearances before local, state or federal agencies; list of other unpaid service to the field; formal or informal mentoring.

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Nominating Member: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________