Sierra Pacific Region NAI Regional Awards Program

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Through its awards program, the Sierra Pacific Region recognizes outstanding achievements and showcases the successes of NAI members and others working to advance the profession of interpretation. As a member of NAI, you are exposed to outstanding and inspiring programs and professionals. Please nominate someone you know and respect. Regional Awards Nominations must be postmarked no later than_____. Awards will be presented at the Regional Spring Workshop.

Submission Information
To submit a nomination, you must:

- Be a member of NAI's Sierra Pacific Region.
- Submit the information requested for the chosen award category.
- Submit nomination electronically or by mail (Faxes will not be accepted)
- Ensure that the nomination is received or emailed by _____
- Include a cover sheet with the following information: 1) award category 2) nominee's name 3) nominee's title / agency or organization 4) nominee's day phone & e-mail 5) NAI member category of nominee 6) nominee's address 7) your name 8) your NAI membership category 9) your address 10) your title / organization or agency 11) your day phone & e-mail

To send an electronic nomination, submit the nomination and all letters of support as a Microsoft Word or PDF file to_____To send a paper nomination, submit ONE clean paper nomination to: NAI Regional Awards Attention:_____ Note: Currently serving elected NAI officers and members of the current Regional Awards Team are ineligible for awards during their terms.

Note multiple awards may be presented in some categories and awards may not be presented in other categories in any given year. The Regional Awards Team will evaluate reach nomination and recommend winners based on their professional judgement. Members nominated but not selected are encouraged to renominate the following year. All Regional Award winners should be considered for nomination to the NAI Professional Awards at the national level.

Meritorious Service Award

Presented to Sierra Pacific Region members who have performed extensive and invaluable service to NAI, especially on the Regional level. Submit the following information: 1) Describe the nominee's NAI-related projects and/or overall commitment to NAI. Nomination must not exceed two pages, excluding cover page.

Outstanding New Interpreter

Presented to a Sierra Pacific Region member who has worked fewer than five years in the profession, full- or part-time, and who demonstrates a recognized potential in interpretation, assumption of leadership roles, creativity in programming or facility development, and a commitment to the profession and NAI. Submit the following information: 1) Describe nominee's involvement in front-line interpretation. 2) List outstanding projects or programs developed and describe evidence that the nominee has leadership potential. 3) List activity in NAI at chapter, unit, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships. 4) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations. 5) Attach up to two letters of support. Nomination must not exceed four pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

Outstanding Senior/Retired Interpreter

Presented to a Sierra Pacific Region member and lifelong interpreter who is no longer working full-time in the profession (may be working part-time or as a volunteer) and who has dedicated his/her lifetime career to interpretation as a front-line interpreter, interpretive manager/ administrator, or both. Submit the following information: 1) Describe nominee's involvement in interpretation or management, past and present, with an indication of how the nominee has dedicated his/ her career to the profession. 2) List activity in NAI at chapter, unit, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships. 3) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations. 4) Attach up to two letters of support. Nomination must not exceed four pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer

Presented to a Sierra Pacific Region member who has worked five or more years as a

volunteer interpreter, whose educational background is not in interpretation, and whose current volunteer duties are in front-line interpretation or administration of an interpretive program. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive techniques and program development, and must demonstrate initiative and a dedication to the affiliated institution. Submit the following information: 1) Include number of hours per year volunteer donates to the affiliated organization. 2) Describe nominee's involvement and achievements in front-line interpretation or interpretive program administration. 3) List any key projects or programs developed by the nominee. 4) List activity in NAI chapter, unit, or national level program. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships. 5) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations. 6) Attach up to two letters of support. Nomination must not exceed four pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

Master Interpretive Manager

Presented to a Sierra Pacific Region member who has worked for five or more years in the profession and whose current duties are at least 60 percent supervisory and administrative. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive technique, site or program and staff management, and a respected ability to pass these skills on to others. Submit the following information: 1) Describe nominee's involvement in interpretation and in management, indicating innovative programs, mentoring experience, creative approaches to making interpretive services available to the public, facility or program development, and management techniques. 2) List key projects or programs developed by the nominee. 3) List activity in NAI at chapter, unit, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships. 4) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations. 5) Attach up to two letters of support. Nomination must not exceed five pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

Master Front-Line Interpreter

Presented to a Sierra Pacific Region member who has worked for five or more years in the profession and whose current duties are at least 60 percent front-line interpretation. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive techniques, program development, and design of creative projects. Submit the following information: 1) Describe nominee's involvement and achievements in front-line interpretation. 2) List any key projects or programs developed by the nominee. 3) List activity in NAI at chapter, unit, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships. 4) List awards, recognitions, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations. 5) Attach up to two letters of support. Nomination must not exceed five pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

Excellence in Interpretive Support

Presented to an individual member or nonmember, governing body or official, administrator, business, agency, or organization who has shown recognition of the value of interpretation through exceptional and sustained support. This support may be broad based financial, administrative, or executive (or a combination of these), and serves as a respected model for other interpretive venues and contributors. Recognition may be for (but is not limited to) sponsorship or support for interpretive programs and enhancement of interpretive facilities. Submit the following information: 1) Describe the nominee's efforts and how they have resulted in lasting benefits to interpretation and set a standard for the interpretive field. 2) If efforts are for a specific project, describe the unique nature of the project, its impact on interpretation, and the audiences served. 3) Attach up to two letters of support. Nomination must not exceed three pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page.

Regional Awards Timeline

	(National Awards nominations due in May)
March / April	Awards Presented at Region Workshop
	Awards ordered
	Winners notified
January 2	Award winners selected
	Score nominations
December 1	DEADLINE for Nominations
November 1	Call for Nominations released
	Awards team appointed
	Chair recruits awards team
October 1	Awards Chair appointed
August 1	Award criteria finalized and posted on web

Regional Awards Team

Minimum 2 members in addition to chair, though a 5 person team is preferable to 3.

Composed of region members who have received regional or national NAI awards, striving for a good cross section of the region.

We are a close region and team members may receive nominations from interpreters they know. Members may recuse themselves whenever there may be an appearance of a conflict of interest, in compliance with the NAI code of ethics. Scores will be averaged to adjust for missing data.