



**Committee/Task Force/Liaison Report**

Report from  
SEAHO Awards and Recognition Committee  
*October 3, 2005*

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Discussion:

- 1) We are reviewing the objective standards for nominating someone for any/all of our awards. We will present any new suggestions to the Governing Council at Mid-year meeting.
- 2) In the review process for awards, we will form subcommittees for reviewing nominations; thus every committee member does not review every nomination for every award.
- 3) For the awards process, we will request all nomination materials be submitted electronically. We will also clarify the number of letters of nomination requested to a maximum of two.
- 4) We will maintain a blind review process.

- 5) As awards are formally presented at the annual conference, we will provide more of an explanation of the history and nature of the award; either spoken, or at the tables for meals, as well as in the program booklet.
- 6) We will begin discussion to encourage state associations to have similar awards to SEAHO. The winners in each state could be forwarded as finalists for SEAHO awards; or we could more informally seek one nomination from each state representative for each award.
- 7) We will recommend to the Associates Committee that we explore a method of recognizing our associates; perhaps simply recognizing a certain number of years of partnership with SEAHO.
- 8) We are exploring a new type of award, for innovative initiatives or programs, perhaps we pick a relevant topic each year. This idea will need further discussion.
- 9) We have received the files and materials from the previous chair of the committee.
- 10) Our request for the committee's annual budget is based on the previous year's budget plan.