

## **NASP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** *2009–2010 Nomination Process and Procedures*

### **Purpose**

The NASP Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an outstanding school psychologist who has had a national impact on the field and has dedicated his/her professional life to the development and improvement of school psychology.

### **Who Can Nominate?**

Nominations will be accepted from two sources:

- 1) **State school psychology associations.** The state association president or his/her designee (e.g., president-elect, awards committee chair, NASP delegate, etc.) may nominate a school psychologist from the state who meets the award criteria. The nominator is responsible for submitting all required nomination materials.
- 2) **NASP Nominating Committee.** The NASP president, past president, and the three most recent Lifetime Achievement Award recipients may each submit three nominations.

NOTE: Previously submitted nominations may be resubmitted, given that they include updated information (see procedures below).

### **Who Is Eligible?**

Practicing or retired school psychologist who work or have worked as practitioners, trainers, supervisors, state consultants, researchers, or administrators are eligible for this award. Possession of the NCSP credential is desirable, but not required. This award may be presented posthumously.

### **Criteria for Nominees**

Candidates for the NASP Lifetime Achievement Award must have:

- At least 25 years of service in the field of school psychology
- Maintained active NASP membership for at least 20 years; must be a current member for fiscal year 2009–2010
- Served 10 or more years in NASP leadership positions (e.g., committee member, chair, or cochair; interest group chair; elected officer; program manager; delegate; task force member; *School Psychology Review* or *School Psychology Forum* Editorial Advisory Board, etc.)

### **Selection Criteria**

Candidates will be evaluated in terms of major contributions to the field of school psychology throughout their careers in each of the following areas:

- Direct service to children, schools, and families
- Service through the administration and supervision of school psychological services or related services
- Service to the profession through local and state organizations dedicated to the development and implementation of school psychological services

- Service to the profession through national organizations dedicated to the development and implementation of school psychological services
- Service to the profession through the development of school psychology training programs or through the provision of continuing professional development opportunities
- Service to the profession through research and publications that contribute to the knowledge base of school psychology

### **Procedures and Required Documents**

Nomination materials must be typed in a 10- or 12-point font and formatted to be printable on 8.5"x 11" paper. The nomination packet must include:

- 1) Candidate's detailed vita
- 2) FOUR letters of support from individuals who are knowledgeable about the candidate's professional accomplishments. Such letters may be submitted by teachers, parents, students, colleagues, administrators, etc.
  - At least one letter of support must be from an individual in the candidates' most recent professional setting.
  - Letters of support should be no more than two pages in length.
- 3) Nominator and candidate information form

All nomination materials must be **POSTMARKED BY: July 15, 2009. Please mail materials to Karen O'Brien, P.O. Box 946, Gold Beach, OR 97444.**

INCOMPLETE nominations will not be reviewed. If the packet is missing one or more of the following documents it will be considered incomplete: nomination statement, candidate's vita, and four letters of support.

A confirmation of materials received will be sent to the nominator by e-mail.

**Questions?** Please contact: Karen O'Brien, kobrien@harborside.com

### **Selection & Notification**

A panel of reviewers will read and rate the materials and determine the top candidate. All candidates will be informed of the outcome by letter. At this time, committee ratings are due in mid-October 2009 and the award recipient will be notified by mid-November. The other candidates and nominators will be notified by December 1, 2009.

### **Award Presentation**

The award ceremony and reception is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at the NASP Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Transportation to and from the convention, as well as lodging for two nights, is provided to the recipient. No advance public announcement or publicity should be made prior to the convention.