

Nominating and Electing “The Robert Newcomb Fellow of the Chapter Award” and “The ASA Outstanding Chapter Service Award” Recipients

Whereas...

- 1) The Orange County/Long Beach Chapter (hereafter, Chapter) of the American Statistical Association (hereafter, ASA) is an entirely volunteer organization that receives countless hours of support from many of its members, and,
- 2) The Executive Committee of the Chapter (hereafter, EC) wishes to recognize outstanding member contributions toward the Chapter’s Mission with two distinguished awards of
 - The Robert Newcomb Fellow of the Chapter Award (hereafter, Fellow Award), established in 2017 and to be granted annually
 - The ASA Outstanding Chapter Service Award (hereafter, Service Award), to be nominated every three years (e.g., 2021, 2024, ...) to the ASA District 6 of Region 3 and,
- 3) Chapter recognition of member contributions would not conflict with any of the operational guidelines provided by the American Statistical Association.

Be it therefore resolved...

- 1) That a 2-step process for nominating and electing Award recipients is established to guide the practice of future nominations.

Step 1 – Chapter members may nominate candidates to be considered for each Award.

Step 2 - A jury committee will select one Award recipient among the nominated candidates by a deadline, which is historically in December for Fellow Award and in April for Service Award.

- 2) That the nomination and election process be:
 - a. Chapter President or designee will announce the call for nomination to Chapter members via at least one venue, including Chapter Newsletter, Website, and email.
 - b. Any Chapter Member in good standing (Regular, Local, or Student) may nominate any Chapter Member in good standing (“good standing” being defined as a member who is current in their dues status before the Jury’s voting) as an Award candidate except as follows.
 - The current President of the Chapter may not be nominated.

- c. Nominations must be submitted in writing (via email or US Post) to the Chapter President or designee who oversees the process by an established timeline for the year (exact date to be determined during the year).
- d. Nominations must include the full name of the candidate and the name and contact information of the Member making the nomination.
- e. Members making a nomination are encouraged to include information about the candidate and justification for the recommendation that aligns with the selection criteria.

3) That the selection procedures and criteria be:

- a. A jury committee (hereafter, Jury) will consider all nominated candidates and identify the Award recipient by a majority vote. The Jury will be comprised of
 - Five EC members as follows:
 - a) Chapter President, who will preside over the Jury
 - b) The Immediate Past President,
 - c) Vice President for Professional Affairs,
 - d) Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - e) Vice President for Membership Affairs
 - Any EC members above who nominates a candidate or who are nominated as a candidate must be recused from the Jury for that year. If needed, the President will appoint a replacement (from the EC).
 - Four Non-EC Chapter members appointed by the President with the advice of the Nominations & Elections Committee. Any Non-EC Chapter members who nominates a candidate or who are nominated as a candidate must be recused from the Jury for that year.
- b. The voting procedures for the Jury shall be:
 - All nine Jury members must participate in the vote (though the voting may occur face-to-face or in other forums). Proper documentation of the voting should be maintained for the verification as needed.
 - Each Jury member will cast a single vote for each ballot.

- If the tally of the first ballot is...
 - a) One candidate receiving more than half of Jury votes, then that candidate will be elected the Award recipient for that year.
 - b) No one candidate receives more than half of Jury votes, then a second ballot will be conducted among those two or more candidates (as determined by the Jury) who lead in the count of votes but not necessarily are tied.
- If the tally of the second ballot is...
 1. One candidate receiving highest number of votes, then that candidate will be designated the Award recipient for that year.
 2. Two or more candidates lead in the count of votes but are tied, then the Chapter President will select the Award recipient for that year.
- c. The selection criteria (and, by inference, the criteria members should use when recommending a candidate) shall be:
 - A member must be in good standing to be considered as a candidate. Candidates will be given the opportunity to update their dues prior to the Jury vote in the event their standing has lapsed.
 - The Jury will consider each candidate's...
 1. Lifetime contribution to the Chapter (i.e., not just their contributions during the prior 12 months)
 2. Contributions in support of Chapter's three-plank Mission Statement (full-statement is appended):
 - a. Community Development
 - b. Career Development
 - c. Academic Development
 3. Contributions to any one plank will be considered equivalent to contributions to any other plank. A candidate need not have made major contributions to all three planks to be considered for the Award nomination.
 - Differentiation between Fellow Award and Service Award – as

noted, Chapter will grant one Fellow Award around December annually whereas Chapter anticipates to nominate a Service Award recipient around April every three years, based on the ASA's current practices. In addition, the nature of two awards differs in that

1. Fellow Award is intended to recognize a recipient for his/her impacts to Chapter by having led the organization through ground-breaking and direction-setting transformations that are expected to have long-lasting benefits to Chapter members or statistical societies at large.
 2. Service Award is intended to recognize a recipient for his/her contribution to Chapter by having regularly supported the organization through unreserved participation in planning, organizing, promoting, and conducting ASA and Chapter-sponsored events and activities.
- Non-exclusivity: Fellow Award and Service Award are not exclusive of each other so that they can be granted to same individual in same or different years.

OCLBASA Mission Statement

Community Development

Encourage, promote and facilitate interpersonal connections between the individuals and organizations of the statistical community in Orange County and Long Beach.

Career Development

Assist new and established users of statistics - both students and professionals – in career transitions and advancements.

- Help students and transitional professionals discover and explore careers that employ skills in statistics
- Facilitate networking & mentoring including outreach
- Help to connect applicants with employers
- Help to develop skills related to the use of statistics

Academic Development

Contribute to continuous improvement in the skills, methods and results of educators in the field of statistics.

Excerpt: Constitution of the OCLBASA

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Orange County/Long Beach Chapter (OCLBASA) shall be to sponsor educational, professional and scientific activities that benefit professional statisticians and students of statistics in the Orange County/Long Beach area. In parallel, this Chapter will devote itself to fostering the growth and development of the area's statistical community and to developing collaborative relationships with other scientific and educational organizations in the area. Furthermore, this Chapter will work to develop a greater level of statistical awareness in the general public. Finally, as a chartered member of the American Statistical Association (ASA), this Chapter shall share the purposes of the ASA, as defined in the Association's Constitution.

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