

## **National Educational Conference Award**

### **1. Philosophy**

1.1. Active membership within our Institute coupled with dedication in the workplace, resulting in a significant contribution to an organization, deserves recognition. In an effort to promote both, the NS/PEI Branch of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors has established the financial initiative, presently named the National Educational Conference Award (NEC Award).

### **2. Objective**

2.1. The NS/PEI Branch is of the opinion that special efforts by its membership deserves acknowledgment. With this in mind, the Branch Executive wishes to promote active membership, professional advocacy, and ongoing education through attendance at our own annual National Educational Conference. In doing so, the Branch will issue a \$500.00 monetary note to the National Educational Conference Committee in the name of the successful recipient. This award is intended to offset the financial burden associated with conference attendance, in the hope employers will be encouraged to partner in ongoing education of our dedicated members.

### **3. Procedures**

3.1. The nominee for the NEC Award must be a member-in-good standing of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

3.2. Nominations for the NEC Award must be made and seconded by members-in-good standing with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. Nominations must be accompanied by information detailing the contribution the person has made to the Institute, the field of environmental/public health, and the community.

3.3. Nominations for the award must be submitted, in writing, to the Branch Executive at least 30-days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

3.4. The Branch President (or designate) will present all nominations received by the Branch Executive prior to the AGM.

3.5. The decision on the NEC Award recipient will be determined by a majority vote of the Branch Executive.

3.6. Presentation of the NEC Award will be made during the AGM.

3.7. The name of the NEC Award shall be recorded in the minutes of the AGM at which the announcement is made.

3.8. Following the AGM, the Branch President will forward the name of the recipient to the Environmental Health Review for publication at the discretion of the Editor.

#### 4. **General Policies**

4.1. Although this award will normally be issued to one nominee, it is understood that there may be just cause to recognize two or more individuals in some circumstances. In such cases, the Branch Executive may do so by splitting the financial award equally.

4.2. The award is not considered transferable, but if situations arise whereby a recipient cannot attend the following National Educational Conference, the \$500.00 award can be deferred for up to 2-years. After such time frame, the money will be retained by the Branch.

4.3. In an effort to promote distribution of the award among membership, members are considered ineligible to receive the reward for 5 years following being selected.

4.4. The intent of this award is to be annual, but if it is of the opinion of the Branch Executive that funds are not available for any given year, such decisions will be made by the current Branch Executive.

#### 5. **Award Criteria**

5.1. Criteria for consideration:

5.2. Significant contribution to the advancement of association, the field of public/ environmental health and community.

5.3. Promotion of the professional standards of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

5.4. Exemplary leadership in dealing with a critical issue affecting public health or environmental health.