

Michigan Dental Association

DR. EMMETT C. BOLDEN DENTIST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD GUIDELINES

Dr. Emmett C. Bolden Dentist Citizen of the Year Award

Resolved, that the following guidelines for the Dr. Emmett Bolden Dentist Citizen of the Year Award shall be adopted as official policy of the Michigan Dental Association:

Name: The name of this award shall be the Michigan Dental Association Dr. Emmett Bolden Dentist Citizen of the Year Award.

Dr. Bolden, a 1923 graduate of Howard University College of Dentistry was an African-American dentist from Grand Rapids who was instrumental in the fight to abolish “Jim Crow Laws” in the state of Michigan.

Dr. Bolden’s acts back in the mid 1920’s are monumental and courageous for their day. Although time has clouded the memory of his actions there is no denying that he exemplified outstanding contributions to our community, state and country. Our profession is justifiably proud to have a colleague who was an instrument for the abolition of Michigan’s “Jim Crow” laws.

The actions of Dr. Emmett Bolden significantly improved our community, state and nation. His deeds exemplify dentist citizenship and the MDA would be well served to recognize his extraordinary contributions by naming its Dentist Citizen of the Year Award in his honor.

Purpose: The purpose of the award shall be to give public recognition to a member of the Michigan Dental Association who has demonstrated outstanding or unusual contributions or service to community, state or country. The award may be used to recognize contributions to such areas as government, community economics, public welfare, or any area, which improves the community, state or nation. Professional contributions need not be considered for this award.

Nominations: On September 1, an “open call for nominations” will be promoted via all MDA communication vehicles, both print and e-communications and a unique email to component officers and executive directors/secretaries.

Nominations must be received by the Michigan Dental Association’s Central Office no later than November 1 of each year and must include biographical or other pertinent information and reasons for the nomination and a letter of support from the component president. Sitting Board members are not eligible for nomination.

The award shall be limited to one recipient a year, need not be presented annually, and may be presented posthumously.

Approval: The Board of Trustees, by a majority vote, shall have the final authority to approve the recipient for this award at its first meeting after November 1 of each year. The review and discussion of all nominations are to be in executive session.

Ceremony: The award recipient shall be recognized at an appropriate function of the Michigan Dental Association. A suitable acknowledgement shall be presented to the recipient by the President of the Michigan Dental Association.

Notification to the Membership and Public: The editor of the *MDA Journal* shall publish notice of the recipient in the *MDA Journal* shortly after the Annual Session. The marketing and communications department is to develop and submit a press release(s) to the recipients' local newspaper and the American Dental Association.

Record: A permanent record of the names and contributions of each recipient shall be maintained at the MDA Central Office.

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