

Michigan Dental Association

JOHN G. NOLEN MERITORIOUS AWARD GUIDELINES

John G. Nolen Meritorious Award

Resolved, that the following guidelines for the John G. Nolen Meritorious Award shall be adopted as official policy of the Michigan Dental Association:

Name: The name of this award shall be the Michigan Dental Association John G. Nolen Meritorious Award.

Purpose: The purpose of the award shall be to honor a dentist, other individual or organization for material contributions to the Michigan Dental Association or toward the advancement of the art and science of dentistry, or for contributions and activities of a nature which reflect great credit on the dental profession. This is the Michigan Dental Association's highest award and honor.

In April 2000, the MDA Board of Trustees changed the name of the MDA Meritorious Award to the John G. Nolen Michigan Dental Association Meritorious Award. Dr. John G. Nolen's contributions toward the advancement of the art and science of dentistry, his lifetime of contributions and activities reflect great credit on the dental profession and have set the benchmark for recipients of this association award. Dr. Nolen was a member of the MDA for 55 years, served as secretary for seven years and executive director for 21 years.

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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