



AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA

The Sophie Winton Award

Background: The Sophie Winton award was established in 1990 to honor a CRNA, or group of CRNAs who have advanced the practice and profession of nurse anesthetists. The award honors Sophie Jevne Winton who assisted in organizing the first meeting of California anesthetists in 1931. Winton devoted her career to the support and establishment of a legal place for nurse anesthetists in the professional practice of anesthesia in California. In 1933 Mrs. Winton lent her financial support in a test case in California that was to have far reaching effects on the practice of nurse anesthetists—the case of Dagmar Nelson vs. Chalmers-Frances. She established a dental outpatient clinic in California and was later awarded honors by the Mexican Dental Society in conjunction with the International Dental Association for her advancement in the delivery of dental anesthesia. At the request of a group of plastic surgeons seeking quality anesthesia, she opened an outpatient plastic surgery clinic, numbering among her patients the likes of Judy Garland, Tyrone Power, Ronald Coleman, and Deanna Durbin. Mrs. Winton was the epitome of the independent practitioner who forged new ground for nurse anesthetists. This award is conferred to an active California CRNA who has positively demonstrated far reaching and sustained effects for CANA.

Eligibility: CRNAs who are members of CANA

Procedure and Privileges: Members of CANA are invited to submit recommendations to the Board of the Directors. The Board of Directors approves the recipient of the award by majority vote on an annual basis. The award is given at the discretion of the Board of Directors to a CRNA or group of CRNAs a maximum of one time per year, however there is no established mandate to present the award in any given year if the Board of Directors does not agree on a single candidate or group of candidates. The award is traditionally presented at the Fall Annual Business Meeting; however the Board may elect to present the award at an alternative meeting and/or location. Recipients of the award are typically presented with a commemorative sculptural award; no monetary award is given.

The Timothy Wolf “Guardian of the Practice” Award

Background: The Timothy Wolf Guardian of the Practice Award (a.k.a. “The Wolfie”) was first awarded to its namesake, Timothy Wolf, CRNA, in 2005. The second recipient of the award was Sandra Erickson, CRNA, in 2008. The purpose of the award is to honor an individual or group of individuals who have guarded or defended the professional practice of nurse anesthetists in California’s politico-legal system.

Eligibility: CANA members; members of the community of interest to the nurse anesthesia profession: administrators; physicians; technical support staff; and any other private person or group from the public-at-large who has contributed to the defense of the profession in an exemplary manner.

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The Joyce Kelly Education Award

Background: Established in 2013, the Joyce Kelly Education Award honors and recognizes a nurse anesthesia educator who displays exceptional academic and/or clinical teaching ability. The award is given in the name of Joyce Kelly, CRNA, EdD, a visionary California educator. Dr. Kelly founded the Kaiser Permanente School of Nurse Anesthesia, the first program in the United States to award a master's degree in the specialty of nurse anesthesia. Dr. Kelly is known for many other achievements in the areas of policy, practice, and research. She was honored many times by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, most recently, and prior to her death in 2013, as a Living Legend. Dr. Kelly also served as an active member of the California Association of Nurse Anesthetists on multiple committees and in numerous positions over her storied career. This award is well deserved in recognition of the hundreds of outstanding nurse anesthetists that were educated by Dr. Kelly.

Eligibility: Didactic and/or clinical educators affiliated with accredited civilian or military nurse anesthesia programs in California, inclusive of nurse anesthesia program directors; CRNA candidates must be active members of the AANA and CANA.

Procedure and Privileges: All members of CANA (both CRNAs and SRNAs) are invited to submit the name of an eligible clinical and/or didactic educator. Letters of recommendation for this special award will be submitted to the CANA Board or Association Manager, who will obtain the faculty member's curriculum vita from the nurse anesthesia program administrative office. An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of three (3) members will be appointed by the CANA President to evaluate candidates' credentials and determine the best candidate for the award.

The names of the candidates and their affiliated programs will not be submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee. The CANA Association Manager will make copies of letters of recommendation and curriculum vitae, removing all candidates' names, as well as references to specific nurse anesthesia educational programs from the copies. These copies will then be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Committee, who will review criteria for all candidates anonymously and determine the winner of the award by majority vote.

The award will be given at the discretion of the Board of Directors a maximum of one time per year; however, there is no established mandate to present the award in any given year if the Board of Directors does not agree with the selection of the Ad Hoc Committee. The winner of the award will be announced by the CANA President at the Annual Fall Meeting and will be posted on the CANA Website. Recipients of the award will be presented with a commemorative sculptural award; no monetary award will be given.

Emeritus State Honorary Membership

Background: Found in Bylaws, Article III, Section 6. State Honorary Membership may be conferred on a member by the AANA Board of Directors after a majority vote of the membership based upon recommendation of the Board of Directors of this Association. Honorary status implies that dues are waived.

Eligibility: CANA member retiree

Criteria for selection: Outstanding characteristics of a member identified by a motion of the Board of Directors. The selection process will take place by membership majority vote after BOD recommendation at the Fall Annual Business Meeting.