

# **The Nova Scotia Recreation Professionals in Health Leadership Award**

*Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.*

~Harold S. Geneen

The Nova Scotia Recreation Professionals in Health's (NSRPH) Leadership award will recognize NSRPH members who have demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities through the significant impact they have made within their region or the province of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the members of the Association and the field of recreation in health and human services.

## *Eligibility:*

To be eligible for the Leadership Award the recreation practitioner will have: (a) been a current paid member of NSRPH for at least one year and (b) regularly attended NSRPH regional and/or board meetings. The nominee will have demonstrated exemplary leadership through his/her desire to make a difference within the field of recreation on behalf of the Association, as well as demonstrated through his/her abilities to bring people together for a common cause through various leadership roles within the region and/or provincially (e.g., organizing meeting or professional development workshops, advocating on behalf of the profession to government officials).

## *Nomination Process:*

A Leadership Award nominee can be self-nominated or can be nominated by another NSRPH member. Each region is invited to nominate one person from their region for the award (through the regional representative). The nominator will complete the attached nomination form and provide a letter explaining why s/he has nominated this person. A one-page biography of the nominee will also be required. Why the nominee deserves a leadership award and examples of his/her leadership qualities must be outlined on the nomination form or included in a covering letter; clear examples of when/where and how the nominee has demonstrated exemplary leadership should be provided. To strengthen the nomination, a letter of support can be included from one or more other NSRPH regional/board members who have been recipient(s) of the leadership services or witnessed its impact on the professional lives of other members or the recreation field as a whole.

## *Award:*

The successful award recipient will be invited to attend the NSRPH annual conference banquet. At the banquet he/she will be presented with a certificate of appreciation and will receive a complimentary annual membership. A profile of the award winner will also be provided in the NSRPH newsletter.

## *Promoting the Award and Selecting the Award Winner:*

A call for nominations will be distributed to all NSRPH regional representatives and board members electronically at the beginning of July and again at the end of August. Each region is invited to nominate one person from their region; a NSRPH board member can also submit a nomination and any NSRPH member can self-nominate him/herself. The completed nomination must be received by the Awards Committee Chair by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year (this can be a mail-in application, or sent electronically [as word/pdf document] or by facsimile). Following this the Awards Committee will review all nominations and make a selection by September 7<sup>th</sup>. The successful award recipient will be informed by email or telephone and will be invited to attend the Annual Conference banquet in the fall.

Submit the nomination form, covering letter, one-page biography and at least one additional letter of support to:

Susan Hutchinson, Awards Committee Chair  
Nova Scotia Recreation Professionals in Health  
c/o: Dalhousie University  
School of Health and Human Performance  
6230 South Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3H 3J5  
Or by email to: [Susan.Hutchinson@dal.ca](mailto:Susan.Hutchinson@dal.ca)  
Or by fax to: (902) 494-5120

For information please contact Susan Hutchinson by email or telephone at (902) 494-1163.

If your nomination is successful you will be informed by September 7<sup>th</sup> of this year.