



Communicator of the Year Award

Sponsored by the Community Affairs and Communications Network of the Ontario Hospital Association

The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Communicator of the Year Award. This award will honour one Ontario hospital communicator for his or her outstanding contribution to hospital or provincial communications initiatives.

I. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for receipt of the Communicator of the Year Award, nominees must be a member of communications staff (or designate responsible for communication initiatives) at one of the OHA's member hospitals, organizations or associations. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding work in the field of health care communication, for the betterment of health care in Ontario. A commitment to excellence in communications and involvement in external networks, associations or professional affiliations are essential.

II. SELECTION PROCESS

Every year, nomination forms are sent to every hospital communicator and hospital CEO in the province. In two pages or less, the nomination should highlight the nominees' experience, accomplishments, extra-curricular activities and a section for a brief summary from the nominator, outlining why the communicator should be singled out for recognition. The OHA Public Affairs Department will appoint a selection committee to review all nominations and select the Communicator of the Year.

III. SELECTION CRITERIA

The award selection criteria are based on service, innovation, leadership and excellence. Attainment of these criteria must be demonstrated through submission of supporting documentation (see "Nomination").

SERVICE: demonstrates a history of active service within the health care community.

INNOVATION: achieves the organization's objectives through effective, creative approaches in communications and partnerships.

LEADERSHIP: provides exemplary direction within the organization, community and/or province.

EXCELLENCE: strives to attain the highest quality in all endeavours.



IV. NOMINATION

Any volunteer, employee or physician/health professional affiliated with an Ontario hospital or an OHA Associate or Affiliate member organization is eligible to submit a nomination. The nominator should:

1. Complete the enclosed nomination form, including support by a seconder for the nomination.
2. Respond to the following three questions in two pages or less:
 - a. How has the nominee fulfilled each of the selection criteria?
 - b. During what time period was this contribution made?
 - c. During that time period, what was the nature of your professional relationship to the nominee?
3. Submit the form and supporting documentation by e-mail, fax, or mail, by 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 3, 2008. The Awards Sub-Committee will contact the Award recipient and nominator by October 17, 2008.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained by contacting:

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V. AWARD PRESENTATION

The Communicator of the Year Award will be presented at the CACN Session at the annual OHA HealthAchieve2008, held on November 3, 2008 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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Nomination Form

NOMINEE

Name of Nominee/Designate: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

NOMINATOR

Name of Nominator: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECONDER

Name of Secunder: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach required supporting documents as noted on the attached form.
Nominations should be faxed, e-mailed or mailed, **no later than 5:00 pm EST October 3, 2008** to:
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