



## **NAI REGION 2 PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER AWARDS NOMINATE YOUR FELLOW INTERPRETER FOR AN AWARD!**

It's that time of year to send in your nominations for 2008 NAI Region 2 Professional Interpreter Awards. Contribute to the fun at the 2008 awards ceremony, which will be held at an upcoming Region 2 Workshop in 2008 (TBA). Give someone the recognition they deserve for the important work they do, while getting publicity about our unique profession. We all know someone deserving of an award!

### **Region 2 Revised Awards Program**

To make things easier, we have aligned our Region 2 awards with NAI's Professional Awards program. We hope that you will be able to easily nominate outstanding interpreters for both a regional and "national" level award. However, please carefully review the awards criteria for both awards programs, as there are some differences in the nomination procedure and requirements.

### **2008 NAI Region 2 Awards Categories**

- Outstanding Interpretive Manager
- Outstanding Front-Line Interpreter
- Outstanding New Interpreter
- Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer
- Outstanding Senior Interpreter
- Excellence in Interpretive Support
- Outstanding Part-time/Seasonal Interpreter\*
- Outstanding Program\*

\*These awards do not correspond to a "national" level award.

### **Nomination Incentives**

Each individual submitting a nomination before the deadline will receive a discount on the next NAI Region 2 workshop. Amount and details TBA.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Simply complete the attached nomination form. **Submit awards nominations by May 31, 2008.**

### **General Awards Criteria:**

- All award nominees must live, work, or go to school within Region 2.
- All nominees must be NAI members, except nominees for the Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer, Outstanding Part-time / Seasonal Interpreter, and Excellence in Interpretive Support Awards.

### **Specific Awards Criteria:**

#### **Outstanding Interpretive Manager**

- Worked in the profession for at least 5 years
- Duties at least 60% supervisory and administrative with a demonstrated mastery of interpretive technique, site and staff management and a respected ability to pass these skills on to others

**OR**

- Demonstrated leadership techniques in research, writing, mentoring, instruction, management or presentation with consistent and significant contributions and support to NAI

#### **Outstanding Front-Line Interpreter**

- Worked in the profession for at least 5 years
- Duties are at least 60% front-line interpretation
- Demonstrated mastery of interpretive techniques, program development and design of creative projects

### **Outstanding New Interpreter**

- Worked in the profession for one to five years
- Demonstrated an excellent grasp of interpretive techniques and communication, program development or design of creative projects

### **Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer**

- Nominated by a Region 2 member (nominee does not have to be a NAI member)
- Worked 3 or more years as a volunteer and demonstrated dedication and high quality work to the affiliated institution
- Current duties are in front line interpretation *or* volunteer work that supports an interpretive program or facility

### **Outstanding Senior Interpreter/Retired Interpreter**

- Worked in the profession for at least 10 years, but is no longer working full-time in the profession (nominee may currently be working part-time or as a volunteer)
- Dedicated his/her lifelong career to interpretation as a front-line interpreter, interpretive manager, or both

### **Excellence in Interpretive Support**

- Nominated by a Region 2 member (nominee does not have to be a NAI member)
- Nominee can be an individual, governing body, administrator, business, agency, or organization
- Nominee/organization has recognized the value of interpretation through exceptional and sustained support, either financially or administratively

### **Outstanding Part-Time or Seasonal Interpreter**

- Nominated by a Region 2 member (nominee does not have to be a NAI member)
- Worked less than full-time in the profession
- Worked in the interpretive field within the past calendar year
- Demonstrated outstanding creativity and/or effectiveness in interpretation
- Made a significant contribution in their limited time frame

### **Outstanding Interpretive Program**

- Awarded to an individual or agency with at least one NAI Region 2 individual member or to an institutional member
  - Program has demonstrated an innovative approach to a traditional subject
- OR**
- Program has shown effectiveness for a special or specific audience or subject
  - Program demonstrates mastery of interpretive techniques and communication
  - Program has furthered the interpretive profession
  - Recipient must agree to publish the program in the NAI Region 2 newsletter and may also present or demonstrate the program at the NAI Region 2 workshop or an NAI Region 2 training session

### **To Submit a Nomination:**

Complete the nomination form below. You may include any other information, such as flyers, news releases, etc. that would assist the Awards Committee in learning about your nominee, but please submit all materials together. You may mail, email, or fax nominations to Steve McCoy at the addresses listed below. Awards will be presented at the upcoming Region 2 Workshop, details TBA.

**Return the form and supplementary materials by March 31, 2008 to:**

Steve McCoy  
Maryland Park Service, 580 Taylor Avenue E-3, Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410)260-8150  
FAX (410)260-8191  
[smccoy@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:smccoy@dnr.state.md.us)



**NAI REGION 2 PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER AWARDS  
Nomination Form**

**This nomination is for (choose only one):**

- Outstanding Interpretive Manager
- Outstanding Front-Line Interpreter
- Outstanding New Interpreter
- Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer
- Outstanding Senior Interpreter
- Excellence in Interpretation
- Outstanding Part-time/Seasonal Interpreter
- Outstanding Program

**Nominee Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(We will contact this person should the nominee win an award)

Supervisor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Awards Criteria:**

For each bulleted criterion, please specify how the nominee meets the criteria. Be as specific as possible and attach any related supporting documentation.