



CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF HARVEY A.K. WHITNEY LECTURE AWARD RECIPIENT

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Background

The Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award was established in 1950 by the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists. It has been given annually in honor of Harvey A.K. Whitney to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to health-system pharmacy.

On May 12, 1963, the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists presented the following resolution to the Board of Directors of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists:

WHEREAS it was Harvey A.K. Whitney whose vision, perseverance, and dedication embodied the basic fundamental principles of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and

WHEREAS Harvey A.K. Whitney practiced his profession and exhibited his leadership and inspirational abilities in the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists, in acknowledgment and recognition of his many accomplishments, has and does make available the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award to a hospital pharmacist who has made outstanding contributions on behalf of our pharmaceutical specialty, and

WHEREAS the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists desires to perpetuate and preserve the significance and effectiveness of this Award by making it national in scope, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award be given under the auspices and direction of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and be it further

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RESOLVED that the criteria for and the selection of the recipient of this Award be delegated to and determined by a committee of past Award winners, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award be presented at the time of the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists by a delegate from the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

The Board of Directors of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, on May 12, 1963, took the following action:

To accept responsibility for administration of the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award of the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists; further,

To establish the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award as an American Society of Hospital Pharmacists award as outlined in the Resolution on the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award, dated May 12, 1963, submitted by the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Selection Committee

The Committee for the selection of the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award Recipient will be composed of all living past Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award recipients except any of such past recipients which may decline to serve. The Chief Executive Officer of ASHP will periodically survey past recipients of the Award to ascertain if they wish to continue to serve on the Selection Committee. The chairman of the committee will be the most recent past recipient who shall not vote except to break tie ballots.

Criteria

The Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award shall be given annually, if a recipient is chosen, to an individual of high moral character, good citizenship, and high professional ideals, who has made significant contributions to health-system pharmacy. These contributions shall have been in the form of sustained exemplary service in health-system pharmacy; or, an outstanding single achievement; or, a combination of accomplishments benefiting health-system pharmacy, and through it, humanity and the public health. They may include accomplishments, achievements, or outstanding performance in:

Health-system pharmacy practice.

Health-system pharmacy education.

Health-system pharmacy administration.

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Pharmaceutical research or development related to health-system pharmacy.

Pharmacy organizational activity, with a definite relationship to health-system pharmacy.

Scientific or professional pharmaceutical writing, e.g., noteworthy published articles on pharmaceutical subjects with applicability to health-system pharmacy.

Pharmaceutical journalism related to health-system pharmacy

Public and/or inter-professional relations activities benefiting health-system pharmacy.

Pharmaceutical law or legislations, professional regulations, standards of professional conduct of pharmacy law enforcement, as related to health-system pharmacy practice.

Selection

Nominations will be received annually from:

Selection Committee members.

Past Presidents of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists,

Affiliated Chapters of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists,

Any four active members of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists submitting and signing a recommendation.

Selection will be made by the following procedure:

1. Call for nominations, accompanied by a list of all past recipients of the Award, will be sent by the Chief Executive Officer of the Society to officials representing Affiliated Chapters, and to all individuals eligible to submit nominations, at least nine months in advance of the Annual Meeting of the ASHP; or, if there are less than nine months between Annual Meeting dates, the call for nominations will be sent within thirty days after the last Annual Meeting. A similar notice in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy will be considered appropriate notification to individual ASHP members.
2. A deadline for receipt of nominations will be established by the Chief Executive Officer, and will be included in the call for nominations.
3. Nominations will be sent to the chairman of the Selection Committee through the Chief Executive Officer of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

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4. All nominations will include as complete a statement about the candidate as possible including accomplishments or contributions on which the recommendation is based, and the reasons for making the recommendation. All statements about the candidates should be specific. (i.e., Statements should not be made or accepted such as "his contributions are well known to all "or "his accomplishments are too numerous to mention.")
5. Nominations will be in the form of a letter to the Selection Committee and will have appended the nominee's curriculum vitae. In cases where two or more individuals wish to collaborate in the nomination of the same person, those individuals should write a single letter, which they each may co-sign. The body of the letter will have no more than 2,000 words.
6. After the submission of a nomination, nominators will not engage in any form of campaigning on behalf of their nominee, allowing the members of the Selection Committee to freely make independent assessments of all the nominations for the Award.
7. Within 15 days after the established deadline date, all nominations, with written statements about the candidates, will be sent to all Selection Committee members.
8. Selection Committee members will return ballots to the Chairman, indicating their first choice.
9. The candidate receiving a majority (more than half) of the votes from the members of the Committee eligible to vote, will be declared the Award Recipient.
10. If no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, names of the two receiving the highest number of votes will be re-circulated and another vote taken. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot will be declared the recipient. (Note: Should there be a tie vote, the chairman of the committee shall be asked to cast the deciding vote.) (Note: If the number of declared abstentions exceeds the number of votes for either of the two finalists, no award will be given.)
11. Failure to receive a vote from any committee member should be followed up by a reminder letter from the chairman to the member, and 14 days allowed to elapse before selection of the winner without the abstaining member's vote.

Award

The recipient is expected to present a lecture at the award banquet. Elements in the award package include:

- a suitably engraved award
- a taxable stipend of \$5,000
- waiver of the registration fee

(Note: The stipend increased to \$5,000 in 2017 and is in lieu of reimbursing the recipient for travel and hotel expenses.)