

Central Plains Society of Mammalogists Distinguished Service Award

The CPSM Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have made important contributions to the welfare of the society and who through service have made significant contributions to the advancement of mammalogy in the central plains region. Candidates can be nominated by anyone with knowledge of the candidate's contributions to the society and through service to the profession of mammalogy. Individuals can also nominate themselves. The award need not be made every year.

Distinguished Service Award Committee

Composition

The Committee consists of five members of the Society appointed by the President.

Responsibilities

Formative Responsibilities

The annual expenditure for the award will be \$100.00 for the first 5 years.

Continuing Responsibilities

Advertise the award through the Society's webpage and listserv.

Review the nomination materials.

Select a recommended recipient for the Distinguished Service Award.

Forward the committee's recommendation to the Society's Board of Governors for the Board's Approval.

Arrange form of recognition following the approval of the Board (e.g. writing of a check or the making of a plaque).

Present the award at the annual meeting.

Distinguished Service Award

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will receive both an honorarium and plaque. The plaque and honorarium would be presented to the recipient of the award during the Business Meeting of the annual meeting. The amount of the honorarium would be \$100, minus the cost of the plaque. The honorarium could be used to partially cover the cost for registration, meal plan, lodging, and travel associated with attending the annual meeting.

For 2007, all nominations must be submitted by 7 September; beginning in 2008, all nominations must be submitted by 15 August. Starting in 2008, solicitation for nominations for the Society's Distinguished Service Award will be made in February of each year.

Individuals may be nominated by colleagues, supervisors, students, or others familiar with their contributions relating to the welfare of the Central Plains Society of

Mammalogists and who through service have made significant contributions to the advancement of mammalogy in the central plains region. Individuals can also nominate themselves. A full nomination package must consist of one letter of nomination which should elaborate the reasons why this individual should be considered for the award. Each letter of nomination should not exceed two pages in length. A nomination package also may include additional written materials specifically addressing the contributions that the nominee has made to the Society and to the advancement of mammalogy in the central plains region. Deadline for submission is 1 September. Nominations will be evaluated by the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

Proposed Timeline

15 August -- Send request for nominations to the Society's List Serve

15 September -- Forward recommendation to President for approval by Board

1 October -- Obtain form of recognition for presentation at Annual Meeting