

Distinguished Member Award

Current Committee Charge: The awards committee of the Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument (FAFNM) solicits nominations and selects recipients for the Distinguished Member Award. The award is presented in recognition of a member of the FAFNM who has performed truly extraordinary service of positive and lasting quality to the Agua Fria National Monument.

Award Cycle: Annually, unless it is determined that no award will be given during a particular year.

Award Description: The Distinguished Member Award is presented annually to a member of the FAFNM for specific accomplishments that are truly extraordinary, widely recognized as such, and of positive and lasting quality. Accomplishments will include one of the following: exceptional service to the FAFNM, outstanding dedication to the mission and goals of the FAFNM, superior efforts to improve and maintain the perception of the FAFNM to the general public.

Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award: Any member of the FAFNM may submit nominations for this award. Nominees must be FAFNM members of good standing, as verified by the FAFNM Treasurer, at the time of their service, nomination, and receipt of the award. The strongest nominees will have made significant contributions to both the FAFNM and the Agua Fria National Monument in which FAFNM members participate.

Nomination/Submission Materials Required: Submission materials should include a letter of nomination, outlining the nominee's specific accomplishments. Additional letters of support are not required, but will strengthen the nomination.

Nomination/Submission Deadline: June 1

Selection or Evaluation Criteria: The criteria used to evaluate submissions for the Distinguished Member Award includes evidence of extraordinary accomplishments that have contributed to the success of the FAFNM.

Committee Deliberation Process (e.g. dates, venue): The Awards Committee chair leads the deliberation process by chairing in person or electronic meetings to reiterate criteria and discuss particular nominees. Committee members then submit their rankings to the chair to tally them. In cases of split decisions, the committee meets in person or electronically again to discuss the relative weighting of particular criteria vis-à-vis the tied nominees and the committee votes again. From the pool of nominations received by the deadline, the committee makes a decision by the end of June, unless extenuating circumstances occur, and forwards its decision to the FAFNM Board. If no eligible nominations are received, the awards committee may nominate a member of the FAFNM according to the above stated criteria.

Nature of Award (e.g. monetary, medal, symposium): The awardee is recognized by the FAFNM through a plaque presented during the Annual Meeting, a waiver of the following year's membership fees, a citation in FAFNM Newsletter, and acknowledgment on the FAFNM Website.