

Atlantic Award of Excellence in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Care

Terms of Reference and Nomination Procedures

I Purpose

The Atlantic Award of Excellence in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Care was established in 2005. Presented annually, the Award recognizes excellence in veterinary medicine and animal care in Atlantic Canada. Past recipients include:

- Dr. Ross K. Ainslie (2005)
- Dr. Robert Curtis (2006)
- Dr. George Irving (2007)
- Dr. Bud Ings (2009)
- Dr. Hubert Bennett (2010)
- Dr. James Goltz (2011)
- Dr. Bert Stevenson (2012)
- Dr. Jim Berry (2013)
- Dr. Ernie Prowse (2014)
- Dr. Hugh Whitney (2015)
- Dr. Alice Crook (2016)
- Dr. Helene Van Doninck (2017)
- Dr. Étienne Côté (2018)
- Dr. Eric Carnegie (2019)
- Dr. Gary Conboy (2021)
- Dr. Larry Hammell (2022)
- Dr. Lesley Steele (2023)

II Eligibility

The Award is open to all veterinarians who have practiced veterinary medicine in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominees can be currently practicing, retired, and / or the award can be given posthumously.

III Selection Criteria

The Committee may consider the following criteria in the selection of the recipient:

1. Demonstrates or demonstrated exceptional service and contribution to the veterinary profession in Atlantic Canada.
2. Promotes or promoted veterinary medicine in the community and contributes to the advancement of the profession.
3. Exemplifies or exemplified the highest values of compassion, leadership, and dedication to the veterinary profession.
4. Exhibits or exhibited professional growth.
5. Has significant endorsement by peers.

IV Selection Committee

Award recipients are decided by a Selection Committee which includes the Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College (who will act as Chair) and an appointed representative from each of the four Atlantic Provinces Veterinary Medical Associations.

The Committee has the authority to determine whether or not an Award is to be given. A single award will be presented annually, if a deserving candidate is identified.

Nominations will be maintained for three years. Annually, nominators of previously unsuccessful candidates will be asked if they wish to retain the nomination or amend it.

If the candidate is not chosen after three cycles, the nomination will be removed. The candidate may be re-nominated one year later.

A quorum shall be three and the Chair will have one vote.

V **Nomination Procedures**

Each year, the Dean's Office of the Atlantic Veterinary College will be responsible for issuing a Call for Nominations. The Call for Nominations will be placed on the Atlantic Veterinary College's website and distributed through the AVC newsletter. The Call for Nominations will also be provided to the Atlantic VMAs for distribution to their respective memberships and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association for including in the Canadian Veterinary Journal and CVMA website.

The nomination package must include:

1. completed Nomination Form and current (or most recent) CV, and
2. letter of support commenting on why the candidate is deserving of this prestigious award.

Nominations can be completed by:

1. downloading the form available online;
2. completing the form; and
3. emailing a copy to avcspecialevents@upei.ca.

Upon receipt of nominations, they will be forwarded to the Selection Committee members for review and consideration.

VI **Timelines**

Call for Nominations will be issued in January each year.

The Award will be presented by the Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College during the annual Atlantic Provinces Veterinary Conference in April or other venue and date as determined by the Dean.

VI **The Award**

Award recipients will receive an Atlantic Award of Excellence in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Care award and a portrait of the recipient (or their designate) will be maintained in a prominent place at the Atlantic Veterinary College.

All criteria must be met and accompanied by any relevant documentation describing the work and achievements of the nominee, which would qualify the nominee for the Award. Additional documentation should be as concise as possible.