POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE HELEN J. HISLOP AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE BOD Y08-17-03-06  [Amended BOD Y03-09-04-08; BOD Y06-08-02-02; BOD Y03-07-08-16; BOD Y06-06-05-14; BOD Y05-02-02-04; BOD 11-98-29-102; BOD 03-98-19-68; BOD 03-97-08-16; BOD 06-96-11-28; BOD 11-92-11-46; Initial BOD 03-91-05-09] [Policy]

History

In 1991, the Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Literature was established to recognize a life-long commitment to writing and publishing professional literature.

The award is named to honor Helen J. Hislop, PT, PhD, FAPTA, who retired in June 1998 after serving 30 years as the professor and chair of the Department of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at the University of Southern California. Dr Hislop received her undergraduate education at Central College, and she received her certificate in physical therapy, master's degree, and doctoral degrees in physiology from The University of Iowa. Dr Hislop is widely recognized for her superb thinking and writing skills, her exceptional contributions to many professional journals and monographs in the health and science areas, and her skills in communication, which provide a model for other physical therapists in their professional writing endeavors.

Dr Hislop (deceased 2013) made sustained and outstanding contributions to APTA, serving as editor of Physical Therapy from 1961 to 1968 and on the Board of Directors from 1976 to 1982, and played a leading role in the development of the postprofessional education program. Dr Hislop consistently worked to uphold the standards and quality of education and was well known as a mentor of both faculty and students.

Purpose

The purpose of the Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Literature is to acknowledge an individual physical therapist who has made significant contributions to the literature in physical therapy or in other health care disciplines in the areas of theory, practice, basic or clinical research, education and administration as exemplified by the professional career of Helen J. Hislop.

In addition to the information provided in the APTA Board of Directors' Policy and Procedures Regarding APTA Honors and Awards, the following criteria apply to this award:

Criteria for Eligibility

Nominees must have been actively engaged in writing and publishing professional literature for a sustained period of not less than 10 years.

Criteria for Selection

1. The nominee must be a physical therapist who has made a significant contribution to health care by writing in the areas of theory, practice, basic or clinical research, education or administration.

2. The nominee must have published in at least 2 different health care professional journals, or contributed to at least 2 books or monographs or proceedings from scientific meetings.
3. The scientific writings must reflect expertise of subject matter, innovation of ideas and clarity of expression.

4. Electronic examples of the nominee’s published writings must be provided. These examples should be from health profession’s publications, both within and outside the discipline of physical therapy. Publications can include scientific journals, books, monographs or proceedings from scientific meetings, podcasts, webinars, online courses and other publications.

5. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee’s Publication Awards Subcommittee are not eligible to be nominated for this award and shall not nominate, write letters of support, or endorse an individual for this award.

Procedure for Nomination

1. Nominations must be submitted electronically via APTA’s website (www.apta.org). All materials completed and submitted for each nomination must be received by the APTA Honors and Awards Program by 5:00 pm ET on December 1 for consideration for the award.

2. The nominator is responsible for reviewing and ensuring the completion of all steps and compliance with eligibility criteria within the online nomination submission process before its final submission. During the online process, the following documents will be required for upload:

   A. Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee.
   
   B. A letter of nomination (from the nominator) that specifically focuses on the strengths of the nominee in relation to the award criteria, not to exceed 3 pages.
   
   C. Two letters of support, not to exceed 2 pages each, obtained from individuals who can demonstrate the relationship of the nominee’s published work to the purpose of the award. Letters of support may be from physical therapists or from health care professionals in other disciplines.

   Letters of support should

   • Explicitly state how the nominee is qualified under the criteria for selection by providing details on what significant contributions have been made by the nominee to the literature in physical therapy or in other health care disciplines in the areas of theory, practice, basic or clinical research, education, and administration.
   
   • Reflect genuine knowledge and consideration of the nominee’s qualifications for this award.
   
   • Indicate in what capacity the author works or worked with, or otherwise knows personally, the nominee.
   
   D. An electronic copy of a journal article, book review, abstract, or a portion of a longer publication that is most illustrative of the nominee’s work and that best exemplifies the criteria for the award. Nominators will submit only 1 example.

Notification of Award

1. The award recipient and nominator will be notified promptly after selection by APTA’s Board of Directors.

2. The nominators of individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation.
Nature of Award

An engraved pewter goblet will be presented to the awardee by APTA’s Board of Directors at the association’s annual conference, and an official announcement of the award will appear in an association publication.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.