

The NAYGN Awards committee develops and maintains all submissions and approvals awards and honors granted by NAYGN. The committee annually solicits nominations for awards and honors in accordance with the guidance for each award or honors. The Awards Chair shall be appointed annually by the President. The NAYGN Communications Chair is the core liaison to this committee.

### **Excellence Award:**

This award honors an individual for his/her dedicated service to the NAYGN in one or many of the following ways (not limited to):

- Exceptional performance, effective leadership, committed service and enthusiasm in general
- Distinguished service in developing/conducting public education programs on contributions of nuclear science and technology to society.
- Successful leadership and devoted service contributing to the successful operation of NAYGN local chapters
- Provided avenues to enhance recruiting and retention of young professionals in the field of nuclear science and technology
- Provided professional development opportunities for NAYGN members.
- Played a key role in representing the interests of young nuclear professionals within the industry at industry gatherings and international conferences.
- Assisted in the developing innovative ways for exchange of information between generations of nuclear professionals
- Informing and educating the younger generation (high school, university, etc.) about nuclear science and engineering
- Unique act(s) that is/are aimed in attaining the objectives of NAYGN

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### **Future Award:**

Nominees are not required to be members of NAYGN. However, the nominee must demonstrate a commitment to the NAYGN mission statement. The nominations will be judged for innovation on the following criteria:

- **Advocacy:** Does the action promote nuclear science and technology for local, state, or federal understanding?
- **Education:** Does the action educate the public, students, or new employees to the different aspects of nuclear science and technology?
- **Execution:** Does the action exemplify dedication in plan and continuous plan of action?
- **Knowledge Transfer:** Does the action help to reduce tacit knowledge, skills or leadership?

- Leadership: Does the action exemplify forward thinking and trail blazing innovation?
- Recruit, Retain, Develop: Does the action try to ensure the future workforce is available and capable of maintaining the growth of nuclear science and technology?

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### **Founders Award:**

Nominations should be made in consideration of the high caliber of the original recipients. Due to the nature of this award, a measurable achievement must have occurred that provides a significant and lasting impact on the organization (either on the local or national level). Nominees are not required to be a past member of the Core (either national or local), but must meet all the following criteria:

- Leadership: The nominee must exhibit an extraordinary role in providing leadership to their organization. (For example, but not limited to, national technical, professional, or non-professional offices held)
- Dedication: The nominee must demonstrate a dedication to the organization in an effort to help it grow and flourish.
- Inspiration: The nominee must illustrate the genuine ingenuity that exemplifies the Founding Members of NAYGN. (For example, but not limited to, national or international activities of unique quality)

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### **Best Chapter in Region:**

Nominees are required to be members of NAYGN and recognized local chapters. Local chapters are required to show balanced growth opportunities in the areas of social activities, community service, and professional development. The nominations will be judged on the following criteria:

- Professional Development: The chapter has made major contributions to the professional development of its members through the outstanding products, services and support in that area of life-long learning, continuing education and professional development.
- Social Activities: The chapter has provided social activities that provide its members with opportunities connect with each other outside the normal business interactions.
- Community Service: The chapter has volunteered a significant amount of time to help their community and improve the image of the professionals in the nuclear industry. The chapter has contributed significant energy to enhance the recognition of NAYGN and the nuclear industry as a positive collaborator to the community.

- **Membership:** The chapter has exhibited excellence in marketing NAYGN membership benefits and has developed an enthusiastic and innovative way to retain current members, as well as to attract a significant number of new members.

Note that a Best Overall Local Chapter award winner will be chosen by the awards committee from the Best Chapter in Region winners.

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### **Best Chapter in Knowledge Transfer and Retention:**

Nominees are required to be members of NAYGN and recognized local chapters. The purpose of this award is to recognize a local chapter's commitment to addressing Knowledge Transfer and Retention (KTR) in the nuclear industry.

Industry knowledge transfer programs are directed mainly on the NAYGN member demographic. Transitioning 35+ years of operational knowledge to the newest generation is a daunting task, but NAYGN assists the facilitation of this transition. NAYGN establishes and partners in programs to promote improved knowledge transfer between generations of industry employees and share practices with the industry.

Nominees will be judged on how the local chapter met any or all of the following objectives:

- Participate in KTR related activities
- Advocate for the young generation regarding KTR issues, methods, tools, and opportunities
- Raise awareness within the industry of the importance of KTR programs
- Develop new and innovative methods/best practices for KTR
- Assist with the KTR process or development of programs (at your company (companies), or industry-wide)

Other considerations include:

- Number of activities and person-hours focused on KTR objectives
- References or recognition to corroborate the local chapter's or a member's contribution to KTR objectives

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### **Hairston Award:**

To recognize an executive who has gone above and beyond to support NAYGN by:

- Furthering NAYGN with their executive peers
- Supporting both their local and continental chapters of NAYGN (including financially)
- Spending time mentoring the organization.

Nominations for this award are not solicited or reviewed by the awards committee. Any NAYGN member may nominate an executive by bringing the nomination to the attention of the Core. The Core reviews nominees in the second quarter of each year, and presents the award as a surprise at the annual NAYGN Professional Development Conference.