

Dig Deep!

TCRA Distinguished Service Award Nominations are Open!

Please allow me to introduce the TCRA DSA 2019 Committee: Robin Cooksey, Glyn Poage and myself, Judy Werlinger.

We are very aware of life's pressures juggling work, family, volunteerism, but we hope you will "Dig Deep" and find a few moments to reflect on someone who is deserving of the TCRA DSA. This is the highest and most coveted award a TCRA member can receive. We all know reporters who are deserving of being recognized for their contributions to this wonderful profession, but the only way the DSA Committee can consider them for this award is if they are nominated. So please, take a few moments from your busy schedules and send in a Nomination form to TCRA headquarters for a practicing reporter who is qualified for this prestigious award. Let our association give back to this special person.

To assist you in the nomination process, below are a few criteria the Committee will consider: NCRA/Texas certifications; presented at court reporting seminars (live or online); mentored to court reporting students and practicing reporters/captioners; written articles for journals, magazines, etc.; served on the board of court reporting organizations (TCRA, user groups, NCRA); volunteered their time to their local communities through altruistic activities or serving on boards; provided pro bono services. A Nominee does not have to meet each and every criteria set forth, and their "giving back" does not have to be solely to court reporting.

The nomination deadline is June 8, 2019.
Please find the nomination form attached to this letter.

The Committee wants to thank each of you for helping us choose a fellow reporter that outshines even our brightest stars.

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES:

- 1) A candidate shall be living, shall be a professional voting member of TCRA in good standing and shall be a current Texas CSR in good standing. A candidate must be nominated by a professional voting member of TCRA in good standing.
- 2) A candidate shall have been a Texas CSR in good standing for ten (10) years or more, must be a professional voting TCRA member, must have been active in the court reporting profession in Texas for at least ten (10) years and shall have attained distinction as measured by performance. Such performance must include contributions in five (5) or more of the following areas:
 - a) An ongoing and current interest in TCRA, including active participation in TCRA affairs for ten (10) or more years as evidenced by attendance at a majority (50 percent or more) of the TCRA Business Meetings held in the last ten (10) years. This qualification is mandatory.
 - b) Regular attendance at TCRA Board Meetings and other official TCRA functions.
 - c) Significant and distinguished service to the court reporting profession as an active participant on boards, divisions or committees of NCRA, TCRA or local associations of court reporters in Texas. Service on TCRA committees and/or task forces for a minimum of three (3) years is mandatory.
 - d) Publication of important papers, articles, books or other written material dealing with court reporting or related subjects.
 - e) Creative contributions to the welfare of the profession of court reporting.
 - f) Contributions to the profession of court reporting in such areas as teaching, preparation and/or editing of publications or other contributions as have served to advance the progress of the profession of court reporting.
 - g) Attainment of NCRA's RMR or RDR, TCRA's TMR, or TCRA or NCRA Speed Contest Certificate.
 - h) Service in the field of public affairs or public relations relating to court reporting or the legal profession.
 - i) TCRA Board members shall not be eligible for consideration by the DSA Committee while in office.

The recipients of this award are not only outstanding reporters, but outstanding people.
They have answered the call of the profession to go above and beyond the ordinary.
They are the true definition of Semper Donis "always giving."

Jaye Thompson - 1980
Shirley Houston - 1987
Judy Werlinger - 1988
Jerry Kelley - 1989
Linda Baker - 1991
Debra Main - 1992
David Langford - 1993
Roger Miller - 1994
David Jackson - 1995
John Foster - 1996

Jerry Callaway - 1997
Judy Miller - 1998
Vickie MacNaughton King - 2000
Donna Collins - 2001
Judy Hobart - 2004
Susan Simmons - 2007
Glenda Fuller - 2008
Robin Cooksey - 2010
Glyn Poage - 2012
Curtis High - 2016

Judy Werlinger, Chair
2019 TCRA DSA Committee

Distinguished Service Award Candidate Submission Form

I nominate: _____

Submitted by:	
Phone:	
Email:	

- 1.) Is the candidate a professional voting member of TCRA in good standing? Yes No
2.) Is the candidate a current Texas CSR in good standing? Yes No
3.) Has the candidate been a Texas CSR in good standing for ten years or more years? Yes No
4.) Has the candidate been active in the court reporting profession in Texas for at least ten years? Yes No

The candidate must attain distinction as measured by performance in five (5) or more of the following:

a) Has the candidate had an ongoing and current interest in TCRA, including active participation in TCRA affairs for ten (10) or more years as evidenced by attendance at a majority (50 percent or more) of the TCRA Business Meetings held in the last ten (10) years? **This qualification is mandatory.** Has the candidate attended at least 5 out of 10 of the past annual conventions?
Yes No

b) Has the candidate had regular attendance at TCRA Board Meetings and other official TCRA functions?
Yes No

c) Has the candidate made significant and distinguished service to the court reporting profession as an active participant on boards, divisions or committees of NCRA, TCRA or local associations of court reporters in Texas? **Service on TCRA committees and/or task forces for a minimum of three (3) years is mandatory.**
Yes No

d) Has the candidate published important papers, articles, books or other written material dealing with court reporting or related subjects?
Yes (If so, please attach examples) No

e) Has the candidate made creative contributions to the welfare of the profession of court reporting?
Yes (If so, please explain) No

f) Has the candidate made contributions to the profession of court reporting in such areas as teaching, preparation and/or editing of publications or other contributions as have served to advance the progress of the profession of court reporting?
Yes (If so, please provide details of such) No

g) Has the candidate attained NCRA's RMR or RDR, TCRA's TMR, or TCRA or NCRA Speed Contest Certificate?
Yes (If so, please list accomplishments) No

h) Has the candidate performed service in the field of public affairs or public relations relating to court reporting or the legal profession?
Yes (If so, please provide examples) No