

**Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association
Revised Guideline Manual**

Section 6 – Awards

GENERAL INFORMATION

Association awards are presented each year to officially recognize chapters, clubs and individuals who have exemplified the principles of the Association. The Region Vice-President presents region awards from that area. National awards are presented at the national assembly each year.

There are two levels of Association sponsored awards—National and Regional. Chapters and clubs are also encouraged to establish and maintain a local awards program. Competition in National award categories is broken down into chapter and club size classification. Pioneering Excellence and Founders Awards are judged on an individual basis instead of club size.

Class A---- 1-30 members
Class B---- 31-100 members
Class C---- 101 and up

Class size must reflect a chapter or club's membership as of September of each year.

Awards for first, second and third place are given (if appropriate) for each size classification within an award category. The Awards committee is not required to give an award simply because there is a submission. Each submission must meet all the criteria set forth in the awards package. The awards committee retains the right to give an honorable mention to a club.

The program is administered by a National Awards Committee whose chairperson is appointed by the national president each year. The committee chairperson picks a diversified group of active pioneers to be on this committee.

Detailed procedures, judging criteria and nomination forms are mailed to chapter and club presidents and secretaries each year. The submissions are categorized and individually read by each award committee member. Each submission is judged according to a scoring sheet with a high score of 50. These scores are averaged and the top submissions are then given to outside judges. The outside judges are chosen for their interest and involvement in the field of volunteer service. Outside judges determine the final placement of awards.

NATIONAL AWARDS

Community Service Awards are the highest form of recognition that a chapter or club can receive for its community service activities. These awards are not designed to recognize a single individual, or an unrelated group of varying projects. They are designed to identify and applaud the successful Pioneer equation—that is the

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recognition of a need, the search for a solution, the plan of action, the enlistment of many to help and the final resolution of the problem.

Entries may be submitted in any of the three categories. Chapters or clubs may have undertaken several outstanding projects, but may enter only one primary project in each category. Additional activities which support a category should be noted in the supporting materials.

Community Enhancement

These are projects which will help the entire community, not just one group or individual. Public education and community awareness fall into this category. Health fairs, health screenings, and public information programs are all examples of community enhancement projects. Walks to raise money for community awareness also fall into this category. Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Alzheimer's Walk, and Health Fairs are all examples of activities that come within this category.

HUMAN SERVICES

These are projects that provide a tangible service in the form of products or devices contributed, or construction of a facility, or work accomplished on an existing structure or device. This could include the provision of clothing, food, building reconstruction, etc. The main factor is that a physical product must exist.

LIFE ENRICHMENT

Pioneer involvement in projects that entertain or provide a "human touch" element, such as egg hunts for blind children, visits to institutions, including refreshments and incidental gifts: the "huggers" at the Special Olympics and other programs which lean toward one-on-one interface are examples of projects to include in this category.

JUDGES' CHOICE

The Judge's Choice Award is presented to those Chapters and Clubs who have completed an outstanding project which does not fit into the Community Service, National Project, or Spirit of Service Awards categories. The Awards Committee reserves the right to place a submission into this category or remove one from it if the award was not entered correctly.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE

The Spirit of Service Award is designed to recognize activities of the chapter or club that promote an awareness of the value of telecommunications. Historical endeavors, such

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as written histories or museum projects: activities which are company specific, such as a display during a community event; industry sponsored programs and efforts to disseminate information on current and future telecommunications technology are examples of submissions appropriate in this category.

NATIONAL PROJECT

The National Project Award is designed to foster a sense of unity throughout the organization. While participation is not mandated, the national project campaign provides an opportunity for all chapters and clubs to work toward a common charitable goal. This award will recognize innovative and special efforts to bring about public awareness. While the amount of monetary contributions is important, greater emphasis should be placed on ingenuity and participation.

FOUNDER'S

The Founder's Award is presented in recognition of the chapter or club that achieves the BEST overall performance during the Pioneer year. The chapter or club must have had at least one entry in the Community Service category and also in the Spirit of Service Category. Additionally the group must have participated in the National Project, held an active membership campaign, and sponsored at least one fellowship/social activity designed for a majority of the membership. A letter from the Region Vice-President must accompany this application.

PIONEERING EXCELLENCE

The Pioneering Excellence Award is the highest honor the Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association can bestow upon an individual. The recipient must be or have been a pioneer member who consistently over a period of years made significant contributions to his or community through Pioneer activities and to the furtherance of the association and its goals. Preferred candidates will be individuals who have received the John Knox Johnston Regional Pioneer of the Year Award.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership awards provide recognition for clubs and chapters that have outstanding achievement in their membership results. Award winners are determined by the Association Staff, who calculate membership statistics. There are two Membership Award categories.

1. Region Award—presented to the Region Vice President whose territory showed the greatest improvement in current membership percent over the preceding year.
2. Club or Chapter Award presented to the club or chapter in each size classification that had the most improved current membership percentage over the preceding year.

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NEW/RENEWAL AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize new Pioneer Chapters and Clubs or renewed Chapters and Clubs which have demonstrated outstanding performance. A “new” Chapter or Club is defined as a Chapter or Club which received its Charter between October 1st of the year prior to the current "award" year and December 31st of the current award year.

A “renewed” Chapter or Club is defined as a Chapter or Club which did not conduct a membership meeting, fellowship event, or service project for at least a one year period prior to October 1st of the year prior to the current "award" year and December 31st of the current award year.

REGION AWARDS

Publicity

The Publicity Award recognizes Chapters and Clubs that have excelled in spreading the Pioneer Message and supporting their sponsor companies. Newspaper clippings, thank you cards, letters of recognition from community leaders and other documentation are all examples of items that should be included in the documentation to support an entry in this category.

Chapter or Club of the Year

This award goes to the Club presenting the best overall performance within the Region for the year. To qualify, the Chapter or Club must have conducted an active membership campaign with positive results; submitted all quarterly reports to the Region Vice President, accomplished a project that impacted the community and sponsored at least one fellowship/social activity designed for a majority of the club membership.

John Knox Johnston Regional Pioneer of the Year

The recipient must be or have been a Pioneer member who consistently over a period of years, made significant contributions to his or her community through Pioneer activities and to the furtherance of the Association and its goals.

Awards packets will be sent to the president and secretary of each club. Deadline dates for award submissions will be posted in the front of each packet.