

## MEMORANDUM

To: Station Leaders/Society Presidents

Date: 01/20/25

From: J Johnston Manager, Human Resources

Topic: **Call for Awards - Member Nominations**

Leaders, it is that time of year to consider nominating one or more of your members for an award or other form of recognition.

The feedback we have received to date regarding the program has been incredibly positive. This is attributable to the effort that you, the Leaders, have made in putting the names of deserving members forward.

***We would strongly encourage those eight stations that have yet to participate in the program and put forward a deserving member do so in 2025, the eighth anniversary of the program.***

Like last year the Recognition Committee, the committee charged with reviewing the nominations, will be chaired by the CEO. In addition, two Station Leaders from stations who have not put forward a nomination will be asked to sit on the committee. Should you wish to participate as a member of the Recognition Committee please pass this along to Bill or myself.

A reminder that the eligibility for the CCGA Long Service Medal was reduced from 25 years to 20 years of service in 2024.

Stations are also reminded of the RCMSAR service pin program. Pins recognizing service from five years and up in five-year increments are available on request from HQ by emailing [admin.coordinator@rcmsar.com](mailto:admin.coordinator@rcmsar.com).

As HQ is extremely interested in enhancing the Recognition and Awards program, any thoughts for improvement would be welcomed. This includes other applicable awards that you may be aware of whether they be local, provincial, national, or international that could be included in our program.

### **Timeline:**

- 1.0 Call for nominations - January 2025
- 2.0 Deadline for submission of nominations - March 31, 2025
- 3.0 Review Period by the Recognition Committee - April/May 2025
- 4.0 Review by the Board of Directors - June 2025



5.0 Stations advised of successful nominees - July/August 2025

6.0 Stations present awards and capture pictures/video for the awards ceremony - July/August 2025

7.0 Awards ceremony following the RCMSAR Annual General meeting - September 2025

To assist you in putting forward a nomination(s), find appended a copy of the revised Awards and Recognition Guide 2025.

Your support for this program is of utmost importance for your deserving members.

On a related topic, RCMSAR HQ periodically gets notified of other awards that our members may be considered for. Often though these notifications/invitations arrive on very short notice. Not wanting to lose an opportunity for our members, we are thinking it may be helpful to develop and maintain a list of members that have made a significant contribution to marine rescue, their station, society or community. A member could then be selected from this list should we receive notice of an award that does not provide the time to circulate to and get a response back from our stations.

Should your station wish to participate in this program please feel free to prepare an overview of a deserving member and **submit it to @ [john.johnston@rcmsar.com](mailto:john.johnston@rcmsar.com)**.

Thank you,

J Johnston