

## **AREA 3 Residents Fellow Members Merit Awards**

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### **Introduction**

Area 3 has been an innovative pioneer among APA District Branches developing *Career, Leadership, and Mentorship (CLM)* programs and projects over the past decade. It was Area 3 that supported and helped launch the WPS CLM program now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year with significant leadership accomplishments by RFMs in education, research, publications, scientific contributions to local, national, and international scientific programs. Elements of the CLM program had been adopted by other DBs

### **Area 3 RFMs Merit Awards**

Area 3 Residents Fellow Members (RFM) Merit Awards would be given every year to deserving RFMs recognizing superior accomplishments in one of three categories:

- *Scientific contributions to national or international congresses/conferences*
- *Clinical leadership accomplishments*
- *Community Services Projects*

The awards will be considered by the Area 3 Council upon the recommendation of the DB Representatives of the member District Branches. A \$5,000.00 fund would be allocated annually for this activity. Each prize will be made up of a \$500.00 check and a certificate/diploma attesting to the merits demonstrated worthy of this award.

### **Implementation**

Nominations for the Area 3 RFM Merit Awards would be submitted every spring and voted upon at the Area 3 annual APA meeting in May of each year. Each DB may nominate two well deserving candidates in any of the above stated categories. There could be a maximum of 10 candidates each year. If fewer than ten will be worthy of the award then that year shall be fewer awards. They would be formally presented no later than the Area 3 Council autumn meeting of that year. Awardees

are encouraged to “*give back*” to Area 3 and their DBs by sharing their projects and the honors received.