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Conference Call Recap October 29, 2017

Attendees: Barry Herman, MD, Chair (presiding); Charles Ciolino, MD (NJ DB); Constance Dunlap, MD (WPS); Ranga Ram, MD (DE DB); and Deborah Shoemaker, Co-Chair (Executive Director, PA DB). Not Attending but Commented: Mary Anne Albaugh (PA DB); Annette Hanson, MD (MD DB); and Mark Komrad, MD (ACROSS).

Details of the Proposal

For a RFM to be eligible for an award, at least one of the following categories must be met:

- Scientific contributions to national or international congresses/conferences**
- Clinical leadership accomplishments**
- Clinical leadership in psychiatric practice at the DB level and within Area 3**
- Community Services Projects**

The awards will be considered by the Area 3 Council based on the recommendation of an RFM Award Committee made up of RFMs from the member District Branches. In 2018, \$5,000 would be allocated for this activity. Each award will include a \$500 cash award and a Merit Award Certificate recognizing the achievements of the recipient. Nominations for the Area 3 RFMs Merit Awards would be submitted in the spring and voted upon at the Area 3 annual APA meeting in May 2018. Each DB may nominate up to two candidates in any of the above stated categories. There would be a maximum of 10 candidates in 2018 [up to 2 nominees from each DB]. In order to create leadership opportunities and/or establish more membership benefits/retention in Area 3, award recipients will be asked to **“Give Back”** to Area 3 and their own DBs. The cash awards will be earmarked for use to attend an APA or related professional conference or program. Award recipients will be asked to either write an article or short report on their conference attendance or if they made a presentation, they would be asked to share the presentation. Both reports and presentations could be shared with their own DB and/or other DBs in Area 3.

Meeting Details

Dr. Herman commenced the meeting around 6 PM. Members reviewed the revised Area 3 Residents Fellow Members Merit Awards and Answers to Questions. This proposal, drafted by Eliot Sorel, MD, Constance E. Dunlap, MD, Roger Peele MD (WPS), seeks to create a pilot program to recognize deserving Area 3 Residents Fellow Members (RFMs). The committee deliberated and provided invaluable feedback on how to better these proposals prior to approval.

The following suggestions were suggested and accepted:

- Under AREA 3 RFM Merit Awards: after the bullets, it was noted that the Awards Committee should be left to each DB on how they want to determine their potential awardees to present (vs. a committee made up of RFMS from each DB).
- It was suggested to note that the language should say, “In 2018, *up to \$5000* would be allocated.” That way in case there are not 10 eligible recipients, it is not required/appears to be required.
- There was a discussion about if we would provide the \$500 directly to the APA-related function instead of giving the award to the recipient to allocate toward their designated APA event. After discussing the feasibility/practicality of this practice, it was suggested that we give the award to the recipient.

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the revised proposal as revised was **approved** by unanimous vote. Drs. Albaugh, Hanson and Komrad approved the revised proposal as well with additional comments. Dr. Dunlap recused herself in her role as a proposal co-creator.