

## **Member Services Committee Meeting, January 20, 2022, 9:30am**

### **Consideration of Creation of a Peer Support Award – INFORMATIONAL**

Wil Morris stated that this discussion arose prior to Covid and was put on the back-burner due to not meeting in person. He reviewed the five current awards being given by the Association, which include Partners In Excellence, Got To Bat, Jim Neubacher, Hal Madden, and Dave LaLumia Awards. Monique Francis stated that there was a sixth award (Nick Filinow Award) that was handled by the Improving Outcomes Conference Committee, which recognizes IT and Quality Assurance related individuals. Group discussed the fact that adding another Award category may water down or lessen the importance of the current awards offered. Group then discussed if a Peer Support person could be nominated for any of the current awards and agreed that they could be any of the awards, depending on what subject they are nominated for. Clint Galloway stated that when you look at the evolution of the Association, and mental health, we are trying to make the local community be the center of attention, and the Association could be seen as a hierarchal organization. The local communities should be recognizing the Peer Support persons and the work they are doing. Craig Reiter agreed, stating that if we did create a Peer Support award, there may be too many submitted and how would we be able to choose. Wil Morris stated that the Association could look at the Boardworks series to see if anything addresses the Peer Support role, OR through use of the Board Member Orientation guide. Bob Sheehan suggested that Beyond Tokenism concepts could be embedded in the award criteria.

### **Go To Bat Award**

St. Clair County Sheriff Mat King (Central Region Nominee)

Group voted to recommend the Go To Bat Award be presented to Sheriff Mat King at the 2022 Summer Conference.

### **Discussion of deadline for nomination submissions of all awards**

Monique Francis explained that the current deadline for Winter Conference awards was January 8<sup>th</sup> after the previous Fall Conference when nominations were submitted. She stated that using this current deadline has presented a problem with having enough time for the Member Services Committee to review and vote, and still be able to order the awards in time for the Winter conference dates. She asked for permission to alter the deadline dates on nomination forms for any awards as becomes necessary. Group asked several questions for clarification, such as would the deadline be identified on the nomination form ahead of time. Monique clarified that it would be. Wil Morris suggested that nominations topic be brought to the CEO Roundtable for discussion on their importance. Dana Lasenby agreed that this should be brought to CEOs attention to help identify who would be eligible for which awards. Group agreed by consensus that Monique will be allowed to change the deadline as needed for timing purposes.

No other business was identified.

### **Parking Lot Items**

Clint Galloway suggested that we keep looking at changes for how the Association is evolving to identify subject matter for recognition, such as expertise in interacting with education and law enforcement. Not necessarily to create an award, but a way to showcase or spotlight them, such as a "Conference spotlight" or something added to the Weekly Update or Connections. Group will discuss at future meetings.

The next meeting of the Member Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 9:30am. This meeting will be held in-person AND via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11am.