

SPNHC AWARDS AND GRANTS

THE CAROLYN ROSE AWARD

- AWARD:** The award is normally a plaque.
- PURPOSE:** This award is our Society's highest honor.
- CRITERIA:** Award is given to a practitioner (SPNHC membership not required) whose work and efforts have promoted the values and objectives of the Society.
- EVALUATION:** Evaluation is based on letters of recommendation, evidence of significant contribution to the objectives of the Society (such as publications, teaching, or leadership role), and curriculum vitae submitted to the Recognition and Grants Committee.
- TIME FRAME:** The Carolyn Rose Award is normally a life-time achievement award. Questions and nominations should be directed to the Chair of the Recognition and Grants Committee and generally must be submitted by the 15th of November.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- AWARD:** The award is normally a plaque.
- PURPOSE:** Award is presented to a member, or former member, whose activities have furthered the objectives of the Society through outstanding committee work, prolonged officer roles, or promotion of activities of the Society.
- EVALUATION:** Evaluation is based on letters of recommendation and curriculum vitae submitted to the Recognitions and Grants Committee.
- TIME FRAME:** There are no time restrictions on when service to SPNHC was given. Questions and nominations should be directed to the Chair of the Recognition and Grants Committee and generally must be submitted by the 15th of November.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- AWARD:** The award is normally a plaque.
- PURPOSE:** Award is for recognition of an individual for exceptional contributions to natural history collections or to the objectives of the Society.
- CRITERIA:** Honorary Membership in the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections may be awarded according to the SPNHC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 6, which states "Council may elect honorary members in recognition of outstanding contributions to natural history collections or to the Society. Honorary Members have all the rights and privileges of regular members."
- EVALUATION:** Evaluation is based on letters of recommendation to the Recognition and Grants Committee and evidence of contributions of national or international magnitude which serve the objectives of the Society.
- TIME FRAME:** Honorary Membership is normally a life-time achievement award. Questions and nominations should be directed to the Chair of the Recognition and Grants Committee and generally must be submitted by the 15th of November.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

- AWARD:** The award is normally a plaque.
- PURPOSE:** Recognition of individual(s) for any special effort leading to the success of an important event or activity of the Society. The award is primarily a statement of appreciation.
- CRITERIA:** Award is for a single extraordinary effort that directly and positively affects the success of SPNHC activities or events. The awardee may be a SPNHC member or non-member. More than one individual may be honored at any one time;

however, the award is to be used discretely so that its meaning and intended purpose are not compromised.

TIME FRAME: There are no restrictions as to the number of times an individual may receive this award over time. Normally, when this award is given for a group-recognition (e.g., Local Organizing Committee of the Annual Meeting), it is presented as soon as possible upon completion of the activity or event.

THE VENDOR RECOGNITION AWARD

AWARD: The award is normally a plaque.

PURPOSE: Recognition of long-term support of the Society and/or the Society's annual meetings by commercial organizations.

CRITERIA: Awarded for repeated and/or substantial acts of support towards the Society, including financial support of annual meetings at Gold sponsorship level or above for five or more meetings, or substantial multi-year support of the Society's travel grants program. Advertising in Collection Forum or the SPNHC Newsletter, exhibiting at meetings, or corporate membership of the Society would not normally be regarded as sufficient justification for recognition. For smaller companies, sponsorship of meetings at Silver level or below may be considered, bearing in mind additional factors such as period of support.

EVALUATION: Evaluation is based on letter(s) of recommendation to the Recognition and Grants Committee highlighting evidence of contributions.

TIME FRAME: Only one Vendor Recognition Award can be awarded in a single year. It should not be made to the same organization more than once every 10 years. Questions and nominations should be directed to the Chair of the Recognition and Grants Committee and generally must be submitted by the 15th of November.

THE EARLY CAREER AWARD

AWARD: The award is a plaque.

PURPOSE: Award is presented to a member at an early stage in their career, or at an early stage in their involvement with SPNHC, who has demonstrated great potential for leadership through innovative and energetic service that strengthens and broadens the impact of SPNHC.

NOMINATION AND EVALUATION: The nomination letter should summarize the individual's contributions to SPNHC. A curriculum vitae for the nominee, and a letter of support from another SPNHC member should be included. These should be submitted to the chair of the Recognitions and Grants Committee for evaluation by that committee.

TIME FRAME: There are no time restrictions on when service to SPNHC was given. Questions should be directed to the Chair of the Recognition and Grants Committee and generally must be submitted by 15 November for the award to be presented at the following SPNHC annual conference.

THE FABER INNOVATION GRANT

- GRANT:** The grant is a recognition letter from the President and cash disbursement (\$1000 maximum) for an innovative proposal evaluated through a peer-review process.
- PURPOSE:** The grant is intended to encourage innovative projects that promote the objectives of the Society in collection-oriented aspects of natural history.
- CRITERIA:** The grant is made for a proposal for an innovative project leading to a contribution in collections management, collections care, collection conservation, use, or other collection-oriented topic in natural history. Nominee must have been a current SPNHC member in good standing for at least the previous twelve (12) months prior to the award date. The proposal cover sheet should include a project title, name(s) of project personnel (including title, address, phone number and email), and a single line spaced 100-word abstract describing the proposed project. The proposal text should include a statement of purpose, project plan (e.g., participants, methods, materials, schedule of completion, etc.), and proposed use of funds. The application document should be formatted to have one-inch margins, a font with 10-12 characters per inch, and double line spacing. The application, including cover page, should not exceed 10 pages. Curriculum vitae of the principal investigator and letters of commitment may be single spaced and attached as an appendix. The successful applicant will be expected to 1) present a final or interim report at an Annual Meeting of the Society and 2) publish the results, with the understanding that the manuscript will be sent first to the SPNHC Publications Committee for first right of refusal.
- EVALUATION:** Evaluation is based on the proposal, supporting information, and curriculum vitae submitted by the applicant to the Recognition and Grants Committee. The Committee may seek advice from other members in evaluating the technical merits of a proposal.
- TIME FRAME:** There are no restrictions as to the number of times an individual may receive the Faber Research Grant, but each applicant may submit only one proposal per funding period. However, a recipient of the Faber Research Grant will not be eligible to compete for the award again until the funded project is completed, formally presented at the SPNHC annual meeting, and a manuscript is submitted to *Collection Forum*. Questions and proposals should be directed to the Chair of the Recognition & Grants Committee and generally must be submitted by the 1st of February.

SPNHC TRAVEL GRANTS

- GRANT:** The grants are cash disbursement to support travel to the SPNHC annual meeting. The Fitzgerald Travel and Christine Allen Travel Grants are awarded each year. Other grants may be available as monetary donations and sponsorships allow.
- PURPOSE:** These grants financially assist the attendance of members, primarily students and emerging professionals, at the SPNHC annual meeting.
- CRITERIA:** While any SPNHC member may apply, preference is given to students and emerging professionals in fields related to the management, physical care, and/or preservation/conservation of natural history collections. Recipients must be the primary author on an oral presentation or poster at the annual meeting, and a SPNHC member. Funds will not be released to recipients that have not registered for the meeting nor had their abstract accepted. Members who have received a travel grant in the last five years are not eligible to apply. Applicants from the host institutions of the SPNHC meeting are also not eligible.

EVALUATION: The travel grant program funding is managed by the Recognition & Grants Committee. The travel grant application processes are overseen by the Professional Development Committee. Evaluation is based on the content and applicability of the abstract, answers to the application questions, demonstrated financial need, and the letter of recommendation.

TIME FRAME: The travel grants are awarded annually. Questions and grant submissions should be directed to the Chairperson of the Travel Grants Subcommittee in the Professional Development Committee. Applications generally must be submitted by the deadline for abstract submissions. Specific guidelines and details (e.g., submission deadlines) are posted on the annual meeting website.

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