



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
**PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**  
*FWD 2015 – 2016 RECAP*  
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**PROGRAM: Awards**

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants**

Last Year the FWD won more than its fair share of National Outstanding Awards. The FWD submitted nominations in all 12 of the award categories and won five Gold Merit Stars and three Silver Merit Stars.

The FWD Board should be cautioned not to expect the same results this year. Prudence suggests that we lower our expectations and focus on honoring our members at the Division level.

As of July 21, 2016 we have 61 award nominations including 5 National Appointments, 12 Merit Star Nominations 26 National Outstanding Nominations, 5 Distinguished Service Award, 3 Meritorious Service Awards and one Memorial Recognition.

**GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:**

Continue to encourage and promote participation in the awards program.

Deadlines for 2016-2017.

- Outstanding Awards to FWD by April 20, 2017
- Awards to FWD Judges by May 1, 2017
- Awards to National By June 1, 2017
- The National Office asks for 45 work days to process awards at the national level, so all other nominations should be sent to the division awards advisor at least 60 days before you need them.

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

There is some discrepancy on the quality of award nominations – I will continue to work with the region advisors and award sponsors to increase the quality of nominations in a positive way.

There have been some issue with accuracy with award nominations – I will continue to carefully vette nominations and investigate any issues that may be inaccurate. Rather than disqualify inaccurate nominations I will initially work with the region awards advisor to correct the inaccuracies. If the problem persists the nomination will be disqualified. Blatant dishonesty will result in the sponsor and/or their patrol being banned from submitting nominations.

If you are currently in the board meeting and actually reading this report – please stand up now and yell “More Cowbell!” as loud as possible. Bonus points if you do this at the same moment someone is taking a sip of coffee and you make them spill it. Double bonus points if you it comes out their nose.

FWD will need to replace several perpetual plaques in the next few years. Due to the cost of these plaques the awards budget will need to be increased.

It is my intention to resign the position of Awards Advisor as of the 2017 August Awards Banquet. I strongly recommend Bill Gibson as my successor. IT has been a pleasure and honor to serve in this role for the NSP. Thank You.