

REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT 2016-2017 SEASON REPORT –

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 six Gold Merit Stars and two 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 27, 2017 we have 62 award nominations including 4 National Appointments, 20 Merit Star Nominations (7 Purple, 7 Blue, 1 Green, and 5 Yellow) 21 National Outstanding Nominations, 2 Distinguished Service Award, 4 Meritorious Service Awards and one Memorial Recognition

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

Continue to encourage and promote participation in the awards program.

Deadlines for 2017-2018.

- o Outstanding Awards to FWD by April 20, 2018
- o Awards to FWD Judges by May 1, 2018
- o Awards to National By June 1, 2018
- o 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 – The new FWD Awards Advisor should continue to work with the region advisors and award sponsors to increase the quality of nominations in a positive way.

In the past, there have been some issues with accuracy with award nominations – This last year there was an improvement in the integrity of the awards. The new FWD Awards Advisor should continue to carefully vet nominations and investigate any issues that may be inaccurate. Rather than disqualify inaccurate nominations it is recommended that we work with the region awards advisor to correct the inaccuracies. If the problem persists the nomination should 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 “I wear an Ivanka Trump negligée under my patrol jacket” as loud as possible. Bonus points if you do this using the Strassborg Method made popular by Marlon Brando, Al Pachino and others. Double bonus points if you actually are wearing an Ivanka Trump Negligée in the board meeting.

FWD has replaced five perpetual plaques in the past few years. The preservation of the history of the older plaque needs to be addressed.

I am resigning my position as the FWD Awards Advisor effective at the conclusion of the 2017 awards banquet. This will conclude my service to the NSP as an officer/advisor above the patrol level. I intend to continue as a line patroller at Sugar Bowl and will always be a proud member of the NSP. My gratitude to the division board, staff and members for their support over my last 9 years as the FWD Awards advisor. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve in this role for the NSP. Thank You. Ken Bergmann