

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

PLEASE NOTE THE CRITERIA HAVE BEEN BROADENED IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE A GREATER RANGE OF TALENTED MEMBERS. The recipient of this award receives recognition, a plaque from the Society, and the opportunity to organize an education-related event at the following annual meeting. It is easy to know about our colleagues' research by reading publications; it is much more difficult to know about their teaching excellence. We rely on nominations. PLEASE NOMINATE QUALIFIED COLLEAGUES FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. Selection of the award recipient will be made by the Animal Behavior Society Education Committee and approved by the Executive Council. The award recipient will be announced at the annual meeting of the Society.

Deadline: Nominating letters (or the form at the end of the Newsletter) should be submitted by **31 March 2009** to Penny L. Bernstein, Assoc. Prof. Biological Sciences, Kent State University Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Avenue, N. Canton, OH 44720. Questions can also be directed to Becky Talyn btalyn@csusb.edu.

Although e-mail copies are acceptable by the deadline, hard copies of letters of nomination with signatures are required before final considerations can be made.

Criteria and Procedures

1. Nominees must be current members of the Animal Behavior Society. (Note: current officers and committee chairs are not eligible for nomination.)
2. Nominees must have demonstrated highly effective and innovative teaching in the classroom or in an informal education setting (e.g., zoos, aquaria, museums, 4-H programs, research labs and field stations, and environment centers). They should have a reputation among peers and students for excellence in educating people about animal behavior.
3. Persons wishing to nominate an individual for the award should submit a one-page nomination letter providing evidence to support the nomination. The letter should also include names of at least two additional peer reviewers, and two current or former students or program participants. If students are under 18 years old, the student/participant references should be accompanied by, or attached to, a letter from the appropriate teacher or youth program coordinator. (Note: Department chairs, directors, supervisors, or colleagues may be helpful sources for this information if you are not at the same institution as the person you are nominating.)
4. The Education Committee will solicit appropriate supporting materials, including those indicated in nominating letters (e.g., documentation of other teaching awards, peer and student evaluations, additional references, evidence of innovation in curriculum development, development of educational tools, programs, or multimedia products, or other appropriate indicators of superior educating).
5. If you would like to **renominate** an individual for the award, please submit a letter indicating that you are doing so and provide any additional information you feel might be helpful to the committee. Please also include the date of the original nomination. Names of additional peer or student reviewers may also be provided.

Distinguished Teaching Award Call For Nominations Form

To nominate a colleague for the ABS Distinguished Teaching Award (one of the career awards), answer as many of these questions as you can. Use the back if you need more space, and feel free to attach additional pages as required. Department chairs, directors, supervisors, or colleagues may be helpful sources for some of this information if you are not at the same institution as the person you are nominating. Please submit by March 31, 2009 to: Dr. Penny L. Bernstein, Assoc. Prof. Biological Sciences, Kent State University

Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Avenue, N. Canton, OH 44720. The Education Committee will solicit supporting materials, including those indicated in nominating letters (e.g., a teaching CV, documentation of other teaching awards, peer and student evaluations, additional references, evidence of innovation in curriculum development, development of educational tools, programs, or multimedia products, or other appropriate indicators of superior educating).

Name of Nominee: _____

Do you know that the nominee is a current member of ABS? (NOTE: Nominees must be current members of ABS, and current officers and committee chairs are not eligible; we can check if you are unsure).

Yes No

Nominees must have demonstrated a sustained record of highly effective and innovative teaching in the classroom or in an informal education setting (e.g., zoos, aquaria, museums, 4-H programs, research labs and field stations, and environment centers).

In what setting does the nominee teach animal behavior, and what evidence can you provide that this teaching is highly effective and/or innovative?

Nominees should have a reputation among peers and students for sustained excellence in educating people about animal behavior. What evidence can you provide that this nominee has such a reputation?

If possible, please provide names of at least two additional peer reviewers:

If possible, please provide names of at least two current or former students or program participants.

If this is a re-nomination, what was the date of the original nomination?

Please also include any new information you feel might be helpful to the committee.

Name of Nominator: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____