

CANADIAN
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TERMS OF REFERENCE GLOBAL CO-OPERATOR AWARD

Background

CCA's work is rooted in the values of co-operation and owes its success to the Canadians who live out these values by making international co-operative and credit union development a priority. The Global Co-operator Award provides recognition for persons contributing in especially significant ways to promoting, developing, advocating and supporting the development of co-operatives internationally.

Objective

The Global Co-operator Award is the highest honour CCA can bestow on an individual or organization that has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the international development work of CCA and the Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF).

Method

An Awards Committee, consisting of 4 persons - one member from the CCA Board of Directors, one member from the CDF Board of Directors, one CCA International Program Committee (IPC) member and one staff representative - will review nominations for the award and bring recommendations to the Board. Recommendations will be made annually to the CCA Board when the Committee deems that the criteria for this special recognition have been met to the satisfaction of all members of the Committee.

Process

A call for nominations is sent out to all of CCA and CDF's networks in early January of each year. The volunteer coordinator will collect the nominations and organize the Awards Committee meetings.

Nominations must be submitted by a sponsor(s) and include a complete outline of the nominee's contributions.

Nominations must be submitted by March 1st of every year – at least 3 months prior to the presentation of the award at CCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June.

Sponsors can resubmit nominations in subsequent years if their nominee is not selected and meets the eligibility criteria. The nomination will stand for three (3) years if the nominee is not selected and meets the eligibility criteria.

Note: The sponsor(s) can be a co-operative organization or individual, and may be member of CCA or CDF's staff or board as long as they are not on the Awards Committee.

Recognition

The Global Co-operator Award will be presented in two ways, the first being at an appropriate function adjacent to the CCA Congress held in June of each year. In addition, the recipient individual or organization will be recognized in their own community among colleagues and peers. The sponsor(s) will assist CCA in indentifying/organizing the community event at which the award is presented, as well as securing funds to cover event costs and media attention. Where the sponsor is unable to secure the funds for both the community event and attending the CCA Congress, CCA will contribute as budget permits.

The recipient will be presented with a gift in recognition of their contribution and honorary membership in CCA will be bestowed.

Criteria

In making its decision, the Awards Committee considers the following criteria:

1. **Leadership:** demonstration of leadership, personal commitment(s), and vision beyond normal requirements of their involvement with CCA and CDF's international development program.
2. **Lasting Achievement:** achieving identifiable and sustainable momentum in advocating and promoting co-operatives through their volunteer work with CCA and CDF.
3. **Continued Engagement:** continuation to inspire and persuade others to participate in and support CCA and CDF's international co-operative development work.

A nominee who is an individual who is deceased will be eligible to receive the award posthumously.

CCA staff and those currently serving on CCA /CDF Board of Directors and the International Program Committee are not eligible for nomination.

To submit a nomination or for more information, contact:

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