

# NAI Great Lakes Region Awards Nomination Form

Through its awards program, NAI recognizes outstanding achievements and showcases the successes of NAI members and others working to advance the profession of interpretation. As a member of NAI, you are exposed to outstanding and inspiring programs and professionals. Please nominate someone you know and respect.

## NOMINATOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINEE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### To submit a nomination, you must:

- Be an NAI member
- Submit the information requested for the chosen award category
- Submit nomination electronically or by mail
- Ensure that the nomination is received or emailed by February 1, 2017

Awards will be presented at the Regional Interpreters Workshop at St. Catharine's, Ontario, April 24 – 28, 2017. Questions can be directed to the Great Lakes Region Awards Committee Chair, Liz Emerson at 419.385.5721 or [liz.emerson@toledo zoo.org](mailto:liz.emerson@toledo zoo.org).

### Please send completed nomination packet via 1 method:

Email: [liz.emerson@toledo zoo.org](mailto:liz.emerson@toledo zoo.org)

Mail: Liz Emerson, Toledo Zoo, P.O. Box 140130, Toledo, OH 43614

### 2017 Great Lakes Region Awards Committee

#### Chair

Liz Emerson, Toledo Zoo

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Bob Hinkle, Retired

Beth Spieles, Dawes Arboretum

Jules Erwin, Johnson County Parks

Mindy Murdock, Zion Nature Center



**DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER**

Our highest honor awarded to one Great Lakes Region member who has worked in the profession for at least 5 years. Please include the following:

- Overall contributions to interpretation through training, mentoring and management
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Titles of newsletter, magazine or journal articles; books and other publications contributed by the nominee
- A description of consultant, instructional activities and front-line interpretation
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

Nomination must not exceed 10 pages, including letters of support (excluding nomination form)

**MASTER INTERPRETIVE MANAGER**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member who has worked in the profession for at least 5 years and whose duties are at least 60% supervisory and administrative. Please include the following:

- Overall involvement in interpretation, including programming, site management, fundraising, facility development, and staff development
- Examples of interpretive projects and programs developed by the nominee
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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**MASTER FRONT-LINE INTERPRETER**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member who has worked in the profession for at least 5 years and whose duties are at least 60% front-line interpretation. Please include the following:

- Overall involvement and achievement in front-line interpretation
- Examples of interpretive projects and programs developed by the nominee
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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**OUTSTANDING NEW INTERPRETER**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member who has worked full-time in the profession for 1 – 5 years. Please include the following:

- Overall scope and variety of involvement in front-line interpretation
- Descriptions of projects or program development and leadership potential
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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**SANDY MCBEATH OUTSTANDING PART-TIME/SEASONAL INTERPRETER (up to 2 per year)**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member or nonmember who does not work full time in the profession. Please include the following:

- Overall scope and variety of involvement in front-line interpretation
- Descriptions of projects or program development and leadership potential
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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**MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member who have made outstanding contributions to the NAI Great Lakes Region. Please include the following:

- Service to the NAI Great Lakes Region
- Service to NAI at section and national level

Nomination must not exceed 6 pages, including letters of support (excluding nomination form)

**OUTSTANDING SENIOR/RETIRED INTERPRETER**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member who is no longer working full-time in the profession (may be a volunteer or working part-time) and has dedicated his/her lifetime career to interpretation as a front-line interpreter, interpretive manager/administrator or both. Please include the following:

- Overall involvement in interpretation or management, with an indication of how the nominee has dedicated his/her career to the profession
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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**OUTSTANDING INTERPRETIVE VOLUNTEER**

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member or nonmember who has volunteered at least 3 years and shown dedication to the affiliated institution. Please include the following:

- Scope and variety of involvement in front-line interpretation
- Shown dedication to the affiliated institution
- Descriptions of projects or program development and leadership potential
- Involvement in NAI at section, region and national level and with other professional organizations
- Awards, recognition, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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**OUTSTANDING INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM**

Presented to one agency per year with at least one NAI Great Lakes Region member or to one institutional member with Great Lakes Region affiliation. Please indicate how the program has achieved the following:

- Furthered the interpretive profession
- Demonstrated an innovative approach to a traditional subject OR has shown effectiveness for a special or specific audience
- Attached letters of support (max of 3)

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