

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. If you have been exposed to outstanding and inspiring programs and interpretive 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:

- Confirm the nominee is a current member of NAI (with the exception of the Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer Awards)
- Submit the information requested for the chosen award category
- Submit the nomination by email by 5 pm ET on Friday, January 19th, 2024

Questions can be directed to the Great Lakes Region Award Committee Chair Paul Cypher at 734-379-5020x6838 or awards.nai.glr4@gmail.com

Please send the completed nomination packet via email to awards.nai.glr4@gmail.com

2023 Great Lakes Region Awards Committee

Paul Cypher (Chair): Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Michigan

Mike Broughton: Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Michigan

Amy Christiansen: Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indiana

Debbie Haubert: Sandusky County Park District, Ohio

Pamela Machuga: Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio

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 letter of support (maximum of three)

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

DISTINGUISHED 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 letter of support (maximum of three)

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

DISTINGUISHED 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 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 letter of support (maximum of three)

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

OUTSTANDING NEW INTERPRETER

Presented to one Great Lakes member who has worked either part-time OR 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 letter of support (maximum of three)

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

☐ SANDY MCBEATH OUTSTANDING INTERPRETER

Presented to one Great Lakes Region member, or non-member, who has been employed in the profession for at least 5 years yet 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 letter of support (maximum of three)

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

☐ MERITORIUS 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 the section, region, and national level

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

☐ OUTSTANDING SENIOR 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 had dedicated his/her career to the profession
- Involvement in NAI at section, region, and national level and with other professional organizations
- Attached letters of support (maximum of three)

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

☐ 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
- Attached letters of support (maximum of three)

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

☐ 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 (maximum of three)

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

It is the hope of Great Lakes Region 4 that the employer of any award recipient take the lead on handling any press releases in support of the recipient. In the event a given employer does indeed manage press options, Great Lakes Region 4 respectfully requests that the following passage be included:

***The National Association for Interpretation (NAI)** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to advancing the profession of heritage interpretation, currently serving about 5,000 members in the United States, Canada, and over thirty other nations. Individual members include those who work at parks, museums, nature centers, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, historical and cultural sites, commercial tour companies, and theme parks. Commercial and institutional members include those who provide services to the heritage interpretation industry.*

The Association is divided into ten geographical regions to help members network with others who work near them through periodical newsletters and activities. Region 4, the Great Lakes Region, includes Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario.

*NAI's **Mission** is to inspire leadership and excellence to advance heritage interpretation as a profession.*

If the recipient is not currently employed, Great Lakes Region 4 is prepared to offer some assistance with press releases. Please include up to three media contacts in the space provided below.

Publication: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

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