Awards Committee

Chair - Diana Knapp, MS, CJM, CCE, CCHP
Staff Liaison - Michele Florian

The duties for the Awards Committee arise from the **AJA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6.01a**. The President-Elect chairs the committee which will also include at least four other members.

The Awards Committee is responsible for the selection of persons to be the recipients of various awards approved by the Board of Directors.

- Review the current awards process. Determine if the current process requires any modification. Report the results of your awards process review to the Board of Directors during the fall Board of Directors meeting.
- Evaluate the forms used for award nominations and determine if one form is sufficient for all awards, or should a form be developed for the different awards, especially the awards that are agency awards.
- Make an aggressive effort to reach out to the membership to obtain qualified nominations for the various awards to be awarded at the 2027 Conference & Jail Expo in Spokane, Washington.
- Review the selection process for the Lifetime Achievement Award and modify if necessary. Evaluate the existing criteria for the newer awards, Valor and Innovation, to determine if the descriptor adequately describes the information helpful for selection. Select award recipients.
- Meet as needed virtually with the committee members and other committee chairs.