CP#16-03 – Awards

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1.0 Purpose of Council Policy: This policy establishes the awards granted by the International Code Council (ICC), and the method and qualifications for granting these awards.

2.0 Objectives: The goal of this ICC Awards Policy is to provide a clear and consistent method of recognizing outstanding service and contribution to the organization, while maintaining the prestige of ICC awards and ensuring a sustainable structure for their presentation.

3.0 Honorary Member & Awards Committee (the "Committee"): Pursuant to CP#26-05 – Honorary Membership, the ICC President shall annually establish a committee to serve as the Awards Committee.

3.1 Staff to the Committee: The ICC CEO or his/her designee shall work with the Committee to receive applications for awards and to facilitate the processing of applications for review by the Committee. The provisions of this policy shall be implemented by the Member Services Division.

3.2 Committee Action: The Committee shall evaluate all applications for awards except those listed in 4.6, 4.8 and 4.11.

3.2.1 The committee shall use, but not be limited to, the following criteria as guidelines when determining a recipient to be submitted for consideration by the Board.

3.2.1.1 The individual or group is a currently an active member of the ICC or is an active participant and proponent of the ICC Mission.

3.2.1.2 The activity or action was original, innovative and unique.

3.2.1.3 The activity or action was a local initiative versus a response to a program fostered or mandated by a governmental entity.

3.2.1.4 The activity or action was in response to a specific need.

3.2.1.5 The activity or action was above and beyond that which is ordinary or routine.

3.2.1.6 The result of the activity or action had a positive impact that is far reaching and/or sustainable.

3.2.1.7 While local, state, and regional activities and service are noteworthy, the national activities should be the primary

highlighted ICC service

3.2.2 The committee shall make recommendations to the ICC Board of Directors for awards to be granted not less than 45 days prior to the date of award presentation. In its report to the ICC Board of Directors, the Committee may also recommend the creation, reinstatement or sunsetting of awards to the Board.

3.2.3 Board Action: The ICC Board of Directors shall make the final decision on all selections of award recipients except 4.6, 4.8 and 4.11.

4.0 Awards: The Committee shall be responsible for review and recommendation of awards in all of the following categories except 4.6, 4.8 and 4.11:

4.1 The Bobby J. Fowler Award: This award is named in honor of the first Chairperson of the ICC Board of Directors and the visionary behind the consolidation of the model code writing industry. This award is given to a person whose contributions to the construction safety industry advanced ICC's goals of achieving a safer built environment. This individual will also be uniquely worthy of the highest recognition. An emphasis is placed on a holistic view in achieving this goal and focuses beyond local and regional concerns to issues and activities that span the globe. This individual will have been or currently be a leader in the industry and one that has a legacy of service with integrity, professionalism and compassion in furthering the noble cause of the ICC.

4.2 International Code Council Chapter of the Year: This award shall be granted to the ICC chapter that demonstrates a high degree of professionalism and activities that promote the goals and mission of the ICC. The chapter shall distinguish itself through the development and implementation of programs designed to increase the professionalism of chapter members. The program should be promoting the professional image of code officials, participation in local, state, regional and national activities to increase the public awareness of safety in the built environment and promoting the continued education of those choosing to enter into the fields of construction, code administration or other related fields of study.

4.2.1 Merit Awards: Merit Awards may be granted to ICC Chapters that distinguish themselves through activities that demonstrate the goals and objectives of the ICC.

4.2.2 Certificate of Participation: Certificates of Participation shall be awarded to each Chapter who participates in the ICC Annual Conference or the Chapter Awards Program and has a representative present at the Chapter Presidents Breakfast.

4.3 ICC Code Official of the Year Award: This award is given to a person whose contribution to the code enforcement profession is meritorious and worthy of recognition. This individual demonstrates professional abilities and is recognized as an example for all members of the code enforcement profession. This individual has furthered the cause of safety in the built environment within their jurisdiction, state or in the country. This award is in recognition of service by past founders of the three model code organizations who have demonstrated outstanding meritorious service to these organizations: Albert H. Baum (BOCA), M. L. Clement (SBCCI) and Phil Roberts (ICBO).

ICC Excellence in Public Safety Award: This award is given to a member of the building industry who consistently demonstrates the qualities of integrity, professionalism and dedication in their services to the profession and whose personal standards represent the spirit of public service to the development of codes and standards in the interest of public safety. This award is given in honor of three individuals who demonstrated unselfish service to the model code organizations and exemplified the qualities cited for granting of this award: John Fies (ICBO), Wilbur H. Lind (BOCA) and Alton Riddick (SBCCI).

4.4 **ICC Meritorious Service Award:** This award is granted to an individual whose contributions to ICC are meritorious and worthy of recognition for service to ICC in the achievement of the goals of ICC. This award is given to a member of ICC who has given unselfishly of time and talent in furthering the development of ICC codes and standards. This award is given in honor of members of the model code organization who have displayed the attributes of this award in their service to their respective organizations: Walker S. Lee (BOCA) and A. J. Jack Lund (ICBO).

4.5 **ICC President's Award:** This award is given at the discretion of the ICC President based on his/her selection of a recipient worthy of special recognition for service during his/her term as president.

4.6 **ICC Community Service Awards**: These awards are given when circumstances warrant a need to recognize meritorious service by an individual, organization, jurisdiction or community group who promotes the public health, safety and welfare within their communities by initiating activities or actions that are considered to be above and beyond the normal expectations.

The Committee shall use, but not be limited to, the following criteria as guidelines when determining a recipient;

4.6.1 The activity or action was original, innovative and unique.

4.6.2 The activity or action was a local initiative versus a response to a program fostered or mandated by a governmental entity.

4.6.3 The activity or action was in response to a specific need of the public or a citizen of the community or jurisdiction.

4.6.4 The activity or action was above and beyond that which is ordinarily or routinely required of the jurisdiction during the lawful discharge of its duties.

4.6.5 The activity or action has been recognized or published by others.

4.6.6 The result of the activity or action had a positive impact on the public or a citizen of the community.

4.7 **William J. Tangye Staff Recognition Award:** This award is granted by the CEO to a staff member for recognition of meritorious service to the ICC. This award should be granted to a staff member who demonstrates unparalleled service to the ICC organization. This award is given in honor of William J. Tangye, the first Chief Executive Officer of ICC, for his meritorious service to, and development of,

the ICC.

4.8 **Robert W. Gain Fire Prevention Leadership Award:** This award is given to a member of ICC whose service, professional abilities and leadership have been exemplary in the development of the *International Fire Code* and has served as an example to all fire prevention and fire protection professionals. This award is in honor of Robert W. Gain, a founder of the *Uniform Fire Code* and a distinguished member of the organizations promulgating the fire code.

4.9 **Raising the Profile Award(s):** These awards are presented to individuals or organizations for acts or contributions raising the public awareness of the work accomplished by code personnel improving public safety in the built environment. After consideration by the Committee, the awards will be ratified by the ICC Board of Directors. Upon presentation, ICC shall issue information to the media indicating the presentation of the award.

4.10 **Member Merit Award(s):** These awards are given by the President during the course of his tenure to individuals who merit recognition for contributions to the cause of the International Code Council and its mission. The President is authorized to present such awards at meetings of chapters and other allied organizations. The ICC shall include information in its publications outlining the noteworthy accomplishments of the awardees. Each award recipient shall be included in the nominations for awards for consideration by the Committee for the various awards issued annually by the International Code Council.

4.11 **Educator of the Year Award:** This award is given to an individual or organization upon recommendation by the Education Committee for excellence in education and promoting professional development among ICC Members. This award is given in honor of Brent Snyder for his contributions to ICC Members to further their educational pursuits and professional development. The ICC Education Committee shall make recommendations to the ICC Committee 90 days prior to the Annual Conference.

4.12 **PMG Leadership Award:** This award is given to an individual or organization for exceptional service to the plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas and swimming pool/spa (PMG) industry. The award recognizes contributions in one or more of the following categories; growth and enhancement of PMG codes and standards, advocacy in state and local code adoptions, publication of PMG technical articles or research papers, advancement of PMG knowledge through training and education, extensive ICC Committee or Council service, development of innovative PMG products and services, or notable advancement of the PMG industry.

4.13 **Trailblazer Award:** This award seeks to inspire the Code Council membership to reach out and serve as mentors to guide others in their code-related careers, especially those who are relatively new to the profession. The award recognizes an outstanding leader who helps “blaze a trail” for the next generation of building safety professionals.

4.14 **W. Scott Copp Chapter Leadership Award:** This award recognizes a Chapter Officer who serves as a champion of the Code Council mission and inspires others to become Code Council leaders. The award honors the memory of Scott Copp, who was a true leader and dedicated his career to advancing building safety at the local, state, regional and national levels.

4.15 National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Award: This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the growth and enhancement of the International Codes and/or public policy by advocating for the principles of the Code Council's Sustainability Membership Council.

4.16 Global Award: This award recognizes individuals or organizations with outstanding performance in promoting building safety in the world and supporting the International Code Council to carry out its global mission.

5.0 Presentation of Awards: Presentation of awards shall be in accordance with the following:

5.1 At ICC Annual Conference:

5.1.1 Bobby J. Fowler Award
5.1.2 Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year Award
5.1.3 Robert W. Gain Fire Prevention Leadership Award
5.1.4 Educator of the Year Award
5.1.5 Meritorious Service Award
5.1.6 Chapter of the Year Award
5.1.7 Chapter Merit Award
5.1.8 Community Service Award
5.1.9 President's Award
5.1.10 William J. Tangye Award

5.2 At ICC Leadership Week:

5.2.1 Trailblazer Award
5.2.2 PMG Leadership Award
5.2.3 National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Award
5.2.4 Raising the Profile Award
5.2.5 Global Award
5.2.6 Innovation in Code Administration Award
5.2.7 Excellence in Public Safety Award
5.2.8 W. Scott Copp Chapter Leadership Award

5.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an award recipient is unable to attend Annual Conference or Leadership Week, the award may be presented to such recipient during a different event as agreed upon by ICC and the recipient.

5.4 After its review of all Award applications, the Awards Committee shall not be required to make an Awards recommendation if it determines there are no qualified nominations.

6.0 Call for Nominations: The ICC shall publish a call for nominations not less than 120 days prior to the date of award presentation.

6.1 Individuals, organizations and chapters may be nominated for awards by individuals other than the nominee, with the exception of Section 4.2, not less than 90 days prior to the date of award presentation. With the exception of Section 4.2, such nominations shall be also accompanied by two or more

letters of support of the nomination.

~~**6.2**~~ The Awards Committee, in posting a call for awards, shall include the criteria set forth herein to be used in developing its recommendations to the Board.

6.3 Nominators shall receive confirmation that their nomination was considered, including acknowledgment of receipt of application.

7.0 **Plaques and Certificates:** Each recipient of an award shall be honored with a plaque or certificate presented by the Committee chairperson. The ICC President shall present the President Award and participation certificates to chapters. The ICC CEO shall present the William J. Tangye Staff Recognition Award.

8.0 **Awards and Special Recognition**: The ICC Board of Directors or the President may at its discretion develop and grant additional awards or special recognition deemed necessary to further the recognition of individuals, organizations and others who have demonstrated service to the ICC organization, their community, state or to the nation.