

## CONTEST AND AWARDS REPORT

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It is important to note that the rules for Contest & Awards are now on the MD19 website; they are not printed in the roster. This will assure the information is available to everyone, and, therefore everyone can rest assured the same rules will apply to everyone.

**I really want to emphasize that since there have been several instances when we have been asked to make a “slight adjustment” in order to accommodate certain situations. The rules must be the same for everyone in order to be fair for everyone.**

I have received a number of questions, comments and suggestions regarding the Contests that perhaps do need to be considered.

In one case, the C&A committee (which is only one person, at this time) was asked to review the rules regarding the Distinguished Service Award. Currently, to be considered for this award, a person must have served at least four (4) years in some capacity at the MD level, such as being multiple district chairperson, committee member or volunteering at the MD-19 office. The situation now is that there are committees with fewer than the designated number of districts represented, which then reduces the number of members eligible to be considered. If the proposal for combining the Constitution and By-laws committee with the Policy Manual committee passes, another opportunity for meeting the eligibility requirements is lost. I recognize the difficulty the Council Chairperson may have here, but I fully recommend each committee position be filled so that each district is represented and, therefore, addresses this requirement for the Distinguished Service Award. The question is: should we consider changing the requirement for this award or fill each position as the current rules stipulate.

Another concern brought to my attention is the problem that arises when zone chairpersons do not follow through on their responsibilities thus denying club secretaries the required credits necessary to earn the Excellence Award. In this case the secretary followed all of rules and would have had enough points had the zone chairperson done his/her job. Should the requirements for Secretary Excellence be adjusted?

Another suggestion I received is to reinstate the Club Treasurer Excellence Award. I do not know when or why this contest was dropped, or if it ever existed, but I have the proposed rules for this as they were presented to me. As far as I can tell, the rules could apply to treasurers on either side of the border. I don't know who submitted the Club Treasurer Excellence Award info to be included with the reports for this meeting, but at this point, I consider it as “proposed” or “examples” so my question to the Council is: Should the C&A committee consider adding the Club Treasurer Excellence Award?

I had submitted my original the Contests and Awards report before I knew that the “3- Minute Video” would be on the agenda. I first heard a Video Contest mentioned while waiting in the airport in Las Vegas. On the flight home I tried to formulate what this would look like but, basically, was counting on hearing from the person(s) who had this great idea. I would be glad to work on this in order to present the proposed rules/points at the next CoG meeting. Again, please, if – when – you have a Contest suggestion, let the committee know but be sure to give some foundation and/or background information.

Finally, and importantly, I want to thank those who stepped forward and graciously volunteered to help with the judging during this convention.

Thank you,

PDG Janet  
C&A Chairperson