

KOSER AWARD POLICY

Background Information of the Koser Award:

The A.S. Koser Award was originated in 1957 by two members of the then Harrisburg Area Dental Society. Two members of the HADS executive committee suggested that an award be given to a member of the local society who had contributed above and beyond the normal expectations of professional obligation and service to dentistry and their community.

The person is selected in memory of Dr. A.S. Koser who was chairman of the committee which organized the Harrisburg Area Dental Society.

The first recipient of the award was Dr. Albert Goho who was a prominent Harrisburg dentist. He was most active in alumni affairs of the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and guided several people into dental school, even procuring scholarships for many of them. Dr. Goho was the dentist for several governors and other state officials. He was very active in the HADS 5th District Dental Society and also served as President of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

Policy:

A committee of at least three past recipients of the award is appointed by the HADS President and a person is designated Chairman of the Koser Award Committee. If past recipients cannot be found, the HADS President may appoint a past HADS President to the committee.

Koser Award Committee Chairman Duties:

The role of the Koser Award committee Chairman is to inform the membership about the award and to publicize that he/she will accept nominations for the award from any HADS member. The committee Chairman shall gather and validate information about all nominees such as curriculum vitae and/or the information on the document designated Koser Award biographical and professional data. The deadline for any nomination shall be four months prior to the HADS President's Ball. It shall also be the duty of the Chairman to inform nominees about the date of the President's Ball. The Chairman shall disseminate the information about the nominees to the past recipients of the award by e-mail, U.S. mail, telephone or fax. It may be difficult to contact all past recipients because people move out of the area due to retirement, health or extended trips. No additional nominees can be accepted for that year after the deadline and after information on the nominees has been disseminated.

The Chairman should conduct a vote by e-mail, U.S. mail, telephone or fax. If there is more than one nominee, the one who receives the most votes wins the award. If there is only one nominee, a two-thirds majority vote of all past recipients is required to confirm the award.

The Chairman should ensure that the new recipient is informed of winning the award at least 30 days prior to the President's Ball, procure a plaque for the award ceremony and present the award to the recipient at the dinner. If for some reason the Chairman is unable to perform these last three duties, he/she may designate one of the other committee members to accomplish them.

The award recipient must be present at the President's Ball in order to receive the award.

If there was more than one nominee, the remaining nominees will be held for one additional year. They can be renominated again after that year.

The HADS Public Relations Committee Chairman shall be informed about the award winner and will be responsible to provide a press release to the news media.

If the award winner is chosen but he/she is unable to receive the award in person at the President's Ball, that person can be a candidate the following year. If there was more than one person nominated for that year and if time allows a second vote could be conducted by the chairman within the previous guidelines outlined above.