



BC ASSOCIATION *of*  
SOCIAL WORKERS

## Approved at May 2015 Board Meeting

### SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CASW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (BC)

1. **Eligibility** – The nominee must be a member of BCASW in good standing and preferably a registered social worker thus conforming to the legal definition of social work in British Columbia. They must not be a previous CASW award recipient. Nominations must include name of nominator (candidates cannot nominate themselves), identification of social work degree(s) including the date of earning the degrees from which institutions, two references for the nominee that can be contacted for further information and a statement that the candidate approves of the nomination and is willing to provide further information if the selection committee requires it.
2. **Contribution to the profession** - This mainly involves contributions to the professional association at the branch, provincial, or national levels; it may also involve contributions to the social work profession as a spokesperson, member of the BC College, government representative, union representative for social workers etc.
3. **Contribution to practice** – The areas of active practice the person has been involved with and their contributions in those areas (ie. child welfare, medical social work, private practice, community development etc.); is there evidence of any innovation in practice; how are they regarded by practitioners in their particular field; has their practice been recognized in any way?
4. **Recognition in the broader community** - the degree to which the person is known outside of social work due to their contributions within social work; this might include media profile; awards etc. Also, are there ways in which they contributed to other disciplines and professions outside social work?
5. **Advocacy/social justice** - the degree to which the person embodies principles of advocacy and social justice; actions and activities that promote rights, fairness, and opportunity; note how this has been demonstrated.
6. How has the nominee added to the overall **profile** of the social work profession? This is a collective appraisal of criteria 1 to 4 – an overall level of competence.
7. Have these qualities been **sustained and consistent?** The emphasis is on practitioners whose performance has been steadfast over a period of years (at least 10 years of sustained performance).

Each category (2 through 7) is scored out of 5 for a total possible score of 30.