

# The Association Excellence Awards Categories

## Description & Criteria

### Individual Awards

#### **The Career Achievement Award**

Named after the former executive officer, Seldon Hale, who also served several years as an NAHB field representative, this award represents the highest level of dedication, loyalty, and commitment and is the highest recognition that can be awarded in the Executive Officers Council (EOC).

**Criteria:** *Candidates must have served a minimum of ten years (cumulative) as a full-time executive officer by December 31, 2009 of a NAHB-affiliated state or local association.*

#### **The New Executive Officer Award**

Named after a former executive officer, David Lloyd, this award is presented to an EO who has served no more than three years in an association management position and is judged to have made major contributions to the profession during this time period.

**Criteria:** *Candidates must have served no more than three years (cumulative) as a full-time executive officer by December 31, 2009 of a NAHB-affiliated state or local association.*

#### **The Small Office Honor Award**

Named after the late executive officer of the Arrowhead BA (MN), Rachel Manley, this award is presented in recognition of an executive officer of a small association who has been an exceptionally effective manager in spite of limited resources.

**Criteria:**

- a. *Candidates must have served a minimum of three years (cumulative) as a full or part-time executive officer by December 31, 2009 of a NAHB-affiliated state or local association.*
- b. *Candidates' associations must have at least two of the following as of December 31, 2009:*
  - *Membership of 400 or less;*
  - *Staff size of two or less, including the executive officer;*
  - *An annual gross budget of less than \$400,000.*
- c. *Candidates should exhibit creativity within budget limitations and promote activity within the association.*

#### **The Executive Officer of the Year Award**

This award, named after NAHB's former Chief Legal Counsel, Gary Komarow, recognizes the accomplishments of an outstanding executive officer during the prior calendar year. The award recognizes achievements from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the award year.

**Criteria:**

- a. *Candidates' actions and commitments during the 2009 calendar year must have promoted the goals of their HBAs.*
- b. *The candidates' association management practices, concepts, techniques, and ideas during the 2009 calendar year must have assisted in the advancement of other EOs.*