



## OHIO SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE PARAMETERS FOR R. THOMAS KING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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### **General Description:**

The OSAE R. Thomas King Distinguished Award is the highest honor of the Society. It is intended to recognize an individual who has provided superior service to the Ohio Society of Association Executives and to the association management profession over many years. Further, the King Award is intended to recognize those who make superior individual contributions per se, rather than the contribution of an individual representing the accomplishments of many. This highest honor is not given lightly.

### **Nominations:**

The King Award Committee shall evaluate candidates and submit any nomination to the OSAE Board of Directors. The nomination submission should include a written report on the nominee's qualifications and contributions to OSAE and the association management profession. Members of the King Award Committee are eligible to submit nominations similar to any current OSAE member by the designated deadline. If no nominations are received by the deadline, an award will not be given that year.

The OSAE Board of Directors shall discuss the nominations. Only those nominees receiving the vote of a majority of the Directors shall receive the King Award.

### **Requirements:**

To be eligible for the OSAE R. Thomas King Distinguished Service Award, a person shall:

1. Have served OSAE as an Officer, Director or Chair of a Committee.
2. Have provided significant contributions, over a sustained period of time, to OSAE and the association management profession in the form of leadership, teaching (including seminar speaking), writing, mentorship of other members, volunteerism in support of the profession and the Society, and/or promotion of the interests of the profession and OSAE.
3. Have the respect of his or her peers in the profession.
4. Have not served on the Board of Directors for at least three years prior to the date of presentation of the Award.
5. Have been a member of OSAE in good standing for at least ten (10) cumulative years.
6. Have been engaged in the association management profession for at least 20 years.

### **Award Presentation:**

Not more than one R. Thomas King Distinguished Service Award may be presented in any given year. The Award is not required to be given every year. If there is a year where there are no nominees who meet the requirements, then no Award shall be presented.

The Board of Directors may elect a person meeting all of the above qualifications to receive the R. Thomas King Distinguished Service Award by a favorable vote of at least three-fourths of those present and voting at a meeting of the Board. The award may be presented without satisfaction of all of the above qualifications in extraordinary circumstances.

The R. Thomas King Distinguished Service Award shall be presented to each recipient during the OSAE Holiday Luncheon or other event the Board of Directors designates. The presentation shall include a summary of the recipient's contributions to the Society and the association management profession.