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CPA PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

**The CPA awards program runs on a biennial basis, aligning with CPA Congress (even years). Only the Helen Saarinen Rahikka Student Leadership Award will be open for nominations during non-Congress (odd) years.*

Philosophy

An individual that contributes to the growth of the physical therapy profession over an extended period or in a unique manner is a highly valued member of the profession. Professional leadership should be fostered and supported by the Association and the profession by recognizing unique and lasting contributions.

Purpose

The purpose of the Professional Contribution Award is to recognize individuals who have enhanced the profession through a unique and outstanding contribution over a notable period of time.

Criteria for Selection

A candidate's peers must recognize the individual as having enhanced physiotherapy and the Association in a unique manner and through outstanding service. For physiotherapists, this significant contribution must be demonstrated over a period of at least fifteen years of CPA membership with service to the profession and to the Association at a provincial, national or global level. The significant contribution must be unique in nature and of national significance to the CPA and its members.

Activities that will be considered include, but not limited to:

- Making a significant contribution to the physiotherapy profession through various means such as research, education, publication, marketing, volunteering, committee, leadership work, within the profession or externally in other organizations or in the public milieu.
- Development of means to promote the physiotherapy profession provincially, nationally or globally.
- Leadership which serves to motivate others to become involved in professional activities.
- Involvement in raising the profile of the Association within the physiotherapy profession.



Eligibility

The individual must be a current CPA member physiotherapist with at least fifteen years of CPA membership.

Selection of Candidate

The CPA Award Committee will select the recipient.

Presentation

The award will be presented biennially at Congress.

Form of Award

- Recognition at Congress
- A framed certificate signed by the CPA President and CPA Awards Committee Chair
- \$200 towards Congress registration

Nomination Procedure

Nominations must be made by either a CPA member or CPA Component (CPA Branch, CPA Division, or CPA Assembly). All nominations are confidential between the nominator(s) and the CPA Awards Committee.

The nomination must include:

1. At least two but not more than four letters of recommendation, none of which shall exceed four pages. At least two letters of recommendation will be from a physiotherapist. The letters must outline the uniqueness of the individual and how she/he meets the criteria for the award.
2. One of the nominators must be identified as the primary nominator.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the candidate

Nomination Process

The call for nominations typically launches at the end of the year (December), through a CPA member e-blast. Nominations must be submitted online, typically by the end of February the following year. Award winners and primary nominators will be notified in April.