Saskatchewan Physiotherapy Association

# SPA Awards Committee

## Award of Merit – New Member Professional Contributions

## Terms of Reference

2026 Version

**PURPOSE:** To recognize the contributions of recent graduates and newer members of the SPA, with 5 or fewer years of experience in the profession.

**HISTORY:** Established by the SPA Awards Committee and initially awarded in 2001 to recognize recently graduated physical therapists for their support of the profession and/or innovative initiatives.

**CRITERIA:** Must be a member in good standing with CPA and SPA.
Must have 5 or fewer years of experience in physiotherapy.
Must have demonstrated professional involvement and/or leadership within the profession and SPA on a provincial level.

In addition, the following will be considered:

- May be recognized for outstanding promotion of the profession in their area/region/facility.
- May be recognized for development of new or innovative programs or initiatives in their area/region/facility.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURE:** Any SPA member may make nominations.
Nominations must be submitted in written form and must include:

- Name and contact information of nominator.
- Name and contact information of a seconder who would support the nomination.
- Name and contact information for nominee.
- One letter of support, outlining how the individual meets the criteria as stated above.
- CV or resume of the nominee (optional).

***Deadline for submissions: February 13, 2026***

**SELECTION OF RECIPIENT:** Made by the SPA Awards Committee. At the discretion of the Awards Committee and the SPA Board, more than one person per year may win the award.

**PRESENTATION:** Annually – At the SPA Annual General Meeting. Award winners will be contacted by the committee prior to the AGM and invited to attend the awards presentation and make a brief response to the award received. A complimentary entry for the awards presentation will be provided to both the award nominator and the recipient.

**FORM OF AWARD:** Framed Certificate and $50 Value Prize