SPA Awards Committee

Award of Merit – Special Recognition

Terms of Reference

2026 Version

PURPOSE: To recognize an organization, association, agency or member of the community whose goals reflect those of our profession.

HISTORY: Established in 1998, and based on awards previously initiated by the North and South Saskatchewan Districts of CPA.

CRITERIA: National, provincial or local non-profit organization/agency or an individual volunteer whose projects or action help to support the same ideals as the physiotherapy profession. These include health promotion, rehabilitation after injury, prevention of injuries, assistance with people who are physically challenged, and promotion of independence after injury.

- Some examples may include:
  - Dissemination of accurate information in written or spoken form (education materials or arranging speaking engagements)
  - Creation of self-help groups
  - Creation of or supply of physical aids to independence
  - Financial support for clients in need of services
  - Financial support for groups who help to carry out ideals as above
  - Volunteer assistance with projects aimed at providing independence or accomplishing activities of daily living
  - Creation or maintenance of infrastructure which helps to promote healthy lifestyle (walking trails, exercise equipment)

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 organization/individual meets the criteria as stated above.

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 or organization 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