



Northwest Oregon Volunteer Administrators Association

*Empowering volunteer professionals to excellence.*

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## Innovation Award

The Innovation Award is presented annually to a NOVAA member for a groundbreaking strategy or program that furthers volunteerism and citizen involvement. The recipient may have started a new volunteer program or restructured, reconceived and enhanced an existing program to make it more engaging, inclusive and effective.

- OBJECTIVE:** To recognize imagination, creativity and innovation in the field of volunteer resources administration.
- CRITERIA:**
- Currently an active member of NOVAA.
  - Working in the profession in a paid or unpaid position.
  - Personal and professional commitment to the volunteer profession and NOVAA.
  - Started or reconceived, restructured or enhanced an existing program to make it more inclusive, engaging and effective.
- HISTORY:** This award begins in 2011 to recognize innovative NOVAA members regardless of their length of time in the profession.
- NOMINATIONS:** NOVAA invites nominations from any civic organization, community leader, professional group, business or individual who is familiar with the work of the individual in regard to their innovation. Nominations must describe in detail the nominee's outstanding achievements and include specific information about the nominee and their commitment to volunteer resource management. Supporting materials such as resumes, newspaper articles, or other printed materials reflecting the nominee's eligibility may accompany each nomination form, but all materials must be submitted electronically.
- SELECTION:** The Innovation Award selection committee is comprised of individuals from the awards committee and selected NOVAA members. They review all submitted nominations and make final selections.
- AWARDS:** Awards are presented annually in the fall. At that time, all nominees will be recognized.