

## **The Dr. John Haynes Memorial Award**

Dr. John Haynes was a pioneer of family mediation in the US and was the Founding President of the Academy of Family Mediators there. He came up to Canada in the 80s to do some training of some pioneers, in their own right, here, including Larry Fong, Deborah Prowse, Kent Taylor, Nancy Flatters, Mike Porter and Joanne Goss, to name a few. He came back periodically to give training sessions and/or attend conferences.

John used to say that mediation is good work and is therefore only one letter away from "God's work". Also, that a mediator must love his/her clients: "There is good in everybody and if you want mediation to work, you must find the good in people".

When John died prematurely in 1999, Judge Michael Porter, Ret'd, wrote to John's wife, Gretchen, to ask if the Alberta *family* Mediation Society could establish an award in his name to be presented annually to one or more persons who have contributed significantly to the field of Family Mediation in the Province of Alberta.

## **Call for Nominations 2020**

In recognition of the late Dr. John Haynes, who taught and trained many people in Family Mediation, the Alberta *family* Mediation Society, in 2001, established an annual Award to be presented to one (or more) persons, an Albertan who has contributed significantly to the field of Family Mediation in the Province of Alberta.

The board of Directors have established a policy and some criteria for the selection process:

- 1)** The person(s) must have made a significant contribution to the field of Family mediation in the Province of Alberta.
- 2)** The person(s) shall be an Albertan.
- 3)** The Award may be presented to one or more persons in a given year or if no candidates are considered to be worthy of the award by the selection committee, no award may be given in any year.
- 4)** No member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible for the Award whilst serving as a director.
- 5)** Any member of the Board of Directors and any other member of AFMS in good standing shall be eligible to nominate a candidate for the Award.
- 6)** An awards selection committee shall be established each year by the Chair, consisting of at least 1 board member (chairperson) and two other members in good standing.
- 7)** The selection committee (chair) shall call for nominations of candidates to receive the Award, no later than two months prior to the annual conference. All nominated members shall be forwarded by the administrator to the committee. A date for the closure of nominations shall be set when the call for nominations is sent out. The committee shall make its recommendation and forward the same to the Board of Directors, along with the list of nominations in time for the Board to make the final decision prior to the annual conference.
- 8)** All person(s) nominated shall be asked to show their acceptance to the persons nominating them via email, prior to the nomination being forwarded to the committee.
- 9)** Unsuccessful nominees remain on the slate of nominees for the following year without having to be re-nominated and the nominees will be notified of this process before the final selection is made.
- 10)** The award shall be presented at the annual conference (if possible) at which time the winning candidate shall be named with the appropriate background and reasons for the selection.

**11)** At the presentation, the reason for having the award and an acknowledgment of the contribution of John Haynes shall be mentioned in the memory of him.

**12)** The Chair of the committee shall write to Gretchen Haynes, John's widow, and inform her of the name of the new award winner.

**Past winners:**

2000: Dr. Larry Fong

2001: Louis Faber

2002: Judge Nancy Flatters

2003: Madam Justice M.J. Trussler

2004: Dr. Kent Taylor

2005: Diane Shearer

2006: Patricia Blocksom and Mary Jane Klein

2007: Alberta Justice

2008: Janis Pritchard

2009: Judge Michael Porter, Ret'd

2010: Lorri Yasenik & DRO Project (The Honourable Madam Justice Colleen Kenny, The Honourable Judge Victor Tousignant, Lonny Balbi, QC, Douglas Moe, QC and Blair Laven)

2011: no recipient

2012: Geeta Bharadia, QC

2013: Judge Todd LaRochelle

2014: Associate Chief Justice John Rooke

2015: Justice Joanne Goss

2016: AFMS Boards of Directors in 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 (Richard Harding, Linda Long, Diane Shearer, Lori Andreachuk, Eileen Baril, Margaret Borders, Mark Dimirsky, Lou Faber (deceased), Yogesh Gupta, Elizabeth Henderson, Janis Magnuson, Joanne McKay, Beatrice Norrie, Robert R. Rayne, Marti Ryan, Yuen Fan Tang, Harry Zuurbier (deceased))

2017: no recipient

2018: Douglas Moe, QC

2019: The Honourable Justice Andrea B. Moen

The committee is now seeking nominations of candidates for this Award for 2020. Please note that as per the above criteria, nominations may not be made with respect to any serving member of our Board of Directors. Also, as per the Awards Procedures: "Unsuccessful nominees remain on the slate of nominees for the following year without having to be re-nominated and the nominees will be notified of this process before the final selection is made."

Please note that nominations **must be accompanied** by the consent of the person being nominated, a brief resume and a brief submission in support of the nomination.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee, Tara Fitch, Chair of the Board, via Sue Bedier, Executive Assistant to the Board, no later than Wednesday, September 30, 2020. **Mail or email to [info@afms.ca](mailto:info@afms.ca).**

The recipient(s) will be announced and honoured by AFMS at the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom. Go to [www.afms.ca](http://www.afms.ca) for more information about the Award and the AGM.