

# ABATE OF OHIO, INC.

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

### PART IV: AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Forms: Points Card  
IRS W-9 Form  
IRS 1099 Information Form.

#### SECTION A: GENERAL

1. The BOD, RBO or CBO may establish or discontinue any award or recognition program at the appropriate level at any time to further the goals of ABATE.
2. Nominations for an award must be taken a minimum of one board meeting in advance of the vote for the award, preferable longer.
3. Notice of an award and qualifications for that award should be published in the State Newsletter and on the State Website a minimum of thirty days prior to the opening of nominations.
4. It is preferred that nominations be in writing.
5. Any member in good standing may make a nomination.
6. Nominations should be forwarded to the appropriate level Secretary.
7. Vote for an award must be done with paper ballots because many times the result of the vote will not be public until time of award.
8. Ballots should be forwarded to the appropriate level Secretary and recorded in the next meetings minutes following the award presentation.
9. Rules for an annual recognition program must be published on the State Website and in the first State Newsletter of the calendar year.
10. Please remember that awards are a way to recognize effort and increase morale, not create hard feelings.
11. Any award requires completion of an IRS W-9 Form.

#### SECTION B: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

1. This is an annual award voted on by the BOD at the last BOD meeting prior to the annual State Seminar.
2. Any member of ABATE, past or present, may be nominated.
3. This award is presented at annual State Seminar.
4. This is the highest award bestowed by ABATE.

5. Selection of the award winner will be made on the basis of the nominee's significant fundamental contributions to ABATE.
6. Nominees should have a career of service to ABATE for twenty-plus years.
7. The winner will receive a complimentary lifetime single membership, award recognition jacket and the eagle trophy.

#### SECTION C: MARTIN MEISTER MEMORIAL

1. This is an annual award voted on by the BOD at the last BOD meeting prior to the annual State Seminar.
2. Any member of ABATE, past or present, may be nominated.
3. This award is presented at annual State Seminar.
4. This award is intended to recognize a member that is always there for the good of ABATE, no matter what and does not expect recognition in return.
5. This is an individual award, not an officer acknowledgement.
6. The winner will receive a trophy and name will be listed on the memorial plaque.

#### SECTION D: LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

1. This is an annual award voted on by the BOD at the last BOD meeting prior to the annual State Seminar.
2. Any legislator from Ohio may be nominated.
3. This award is presented at annual State Seminar.
4. This award is intended to recognize a legislator that furthers the goals of ABATE.
5. The winner will receive an award recognition jacket and a trophy.
6. Legislator receiving the award will receive a 1099 for the value of the awards.

#### SECTION E: STATE OFFICER

1. Any member of the BOD may give an award(s).

2. The BOD member will determine the qualifications for the award.
3. This award is presented at annual State Seminar.
4. This award is exempt from nominations, publication and voting.
5. The BOD member will determine the type of award.

**SECTION F: REGION ACHIEVEMENT**

1. This is an annual award voted on by the RBO and turned in at the last BOD meeting prior to the annual State Seminar.
2. Any member of the awarding region, past or present, may be nominated.
3. This award is presented at annual State Seminar.
4. Selection of the award winner will be made on the basis of achievement within the awarding region.
5. The winner will receive a trophy.

**SECTION G: POINTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

1. This is an annual recognition program.
2. Any member from a participating region may be recognized.
3. Points are tracked on a Points Card and turned in by January 10th.
4. Recognition of points earned will be at annual State Seminar.
5. Points are based on participation in ABATE related activities.
6. The member will receive a patch at the appropriate level.

**SECTION H: MEMBER GETTER**

1. This is an annual recognition program.

2. Any member may be recognized.
3. New memberships are tracked by the MEMSEC from State Fund Raiser to following year State Fund Raiser.
4. Recognition of those with ten or more new members recruited will be made at annual State Fund Raiser.
5. The member will receive a Member Getter pin.

**SECTION I: ANNUAL MEMBER YEAR PINS**

1. This is an annual recognition of continuous years of membership in ABATE.
2. Date joined will be tracked by the MEMSEC.
3. Member will receive a coupon redeemable for appropriate year pin with membership card upon renewal.

**SECTION J: BARF (BIKER ACTING RIDICUOUS OR FOOLISH)**

1. This is an annual award voted on by the BOD at the last BOD meeting prior to the annual State Seminar.
2. Any member of ABATE may be nominated.
3. This award is presented at annual State Seminar.
4. This is the seldom sought after but often deserved lowest award bestowed by ABATE.
5. Photographic evidence accompanying nomination may help.
6. This award is intended in fun and jest. Anything viewed as dangerous or putting anyone at risk will be disqualified.
7. The winner will be pictured on the State Website and in the State Newsletter with a descriptive article.
8. The winner will receive an appropriate trophy.