

Section XV- PMTNM Music Teacher of the Year Award

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:

The Professional Music Teachers of New Mexico believes it is important to recognize and award individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of music teaching in the private and/or public sectors of New Mexico.

- ❖ **CRITERIA/GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING CANDIDATES**
 - A. Nomination consists of a resume of the individual's achievements and status as a musician and music teacher in New Mexico.
 - B. Candidates must:
 - 1. Be a current member of PMTNM and MTNA and a legal resident of New Mexico.
 - 2. Be supportive of the philosophy and objectives of PMTNM and MTNA.
 - 3. Demonstrate outstanding professional relationship with students, fellow music teachers, and public school officials and community leaders who support music and music teaching.
 - 4. Demonstrate a consistent record of high standards of teaching and promoting music teaching in New Mexico.

- ❖ **THE RESUME MUST INCLUDE**
 - A. Number of years of service to music teaching.
 - B. Evidence of quality teaching, reflected by student and organizational awards.
 - C. Identified service to PMTNM through active participation at the local, district, state, division, and national levels.
 - D. List of honors and/or awards received, with dates.

- ❖ **PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING THE "MUSIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR"**
 - A. At the regular spring board meeting any board member may nominate any PMTNM member for consideration of the award.
 - 1. Nominations must be made in person at the board meeting: they may not be received by mail.
 - B. Upon making their written nomination, the board member will present a resume of their candidate's achievements, both verbally and in writing with copies for the board members.
 - C. All nominations presented will then be discussed by the board. When deemed appropriate by the presiding officer, or any board member, a call for the vote will be made which will be taken by secret ballot with each board member listing their two top choices from the list of nominees.
 - D. Three names receiving the highest number of votes will then be placed for another vote by secret ballot by the Board.
 - E. The name receiving the greatest number of votes, out of the three, will be declared the "Music Teacher of the Year".
 - F. In the case of a tie during the second balloting, another secret vote will be taken to determine the winner.

