

2017 NASSS Service Excellence Award Committee Report
Respectfully submitted by: Cheryl Cooky, Past-President, Chair

In following NASSS Policy and Procedures manual, which limits the committee to three members, of which eligibility to serve is limited to those who have been members of NASSS for at least 10 years, the committee was comprised of myself, chair (past-president serves as Chair of the committee), Vic Paraschak, (Kinesiology, University of Windsor) and Steve Ortiz (Sociology, Oregon State University). Selection of committee members was initiated by contacting volunteers who signed up through the volunteer sign-up sheet distributed after the 2016 conference. Steve Ortiz was the one eligible member who responded to the invitation to volunteer. During the month of June, the chair solicited volunteers contacting NASSS members who had either previously won the award and/ or had long-standing and active commitments to NASSS. Of the six members contacted, one (Paraschak) agreed to serve on the committee. Another member expressed wanting to serve on the committee in the future. All of those who responded cited time constraints as reason for declining the invitation.

Once the committee members were confirmed, I worked with the members of the committee to establish the time frame for the award selection process, considering the deadline to submit awards to the secretary, and confirmed with members they would be able to meet deadlines as such. Once that was in place, a call for nominees was distributed via the NASSS list serve, the NASSS website and Facebook page in early August. Deadline for nominations was August 31, 2017. A reminder was redistributed via the NASSS list serve.

Each committee member independently ranked the nominees, providing detailed evaluation of the merits of the candidates. After an email exchange, the committee made a decision about the award.