

COMMITTEE ON POULTRY WELL-BEING

➤ Poultry Welfare Research Award (even years)

[Karen D. Christensen](#), Chair (2022)

Karen Schwean-Lardner (2021)

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COMMITTEE CHARGES:

- Search for a new sponsor of the Poultry Welfare Research Award for 2020 and beyond.
- Facilitate forum (at PSA annual meeting) and input from issue committees for garnering
 - Research gaps and
 - Research prioritization
- Create “Editorial Commentary” on critical issues to be published in *Poultry Science*.
- Develop ideas for possible symposia and/or workshop topics and forward to the Annual Meeting Program Committee for consideration.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

- The chair of the committee serves on the PSA Scientific Policy Committee (Ad Hoc).
- Work closely with the PSA Issues Editor to create web-based information and discussion sites.
- Development of white papers on identified research gaps and priorities that may be published as Press Releases or special sections in *Journal of Applied Poultry Science* or *Poultry Science*
- Continue working proactively with other societies on issues such as international trade, food safety, environmental quality, and animal welfare. (E.g. liaison with the PSA rep to AAALAC)
- In even years, this committee oversees the selection of a recipient for the Poultry Welfare Research Award, according to the following guidelines and schedule.
- Review the award guidelines in the Appendix to the PSA Constitution. If changes are needed, provide written recommendations to the Board Liaison before the Mid-Year Meeting in January.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- If a committee member or a current student of a committee member is nominated for the award or if a committee member has nominated someone for the award, the chair asks the committee member to step down until after the winner has been named and the Board Liaison serves as a voting member.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS:

June and July: First Vice-President contacts committee chair and names new committee members.

August and September: President charges committees.

November and December: *Committee members* under the direction of the chair should **actively recruit award nominees**.

December 1: *Chair provides* a written report to Board Liaison giving number of nominations received to date; this initial report to the Board is for information only and is not binding.

March 1: Deadline for posting nomination applications on electronic submission site. **Chair reminds** committee members to begin the review process.

April 1: Deadline for Chair to submit award recipient name and recommendations to Sam Shafer, Communications Specialist (sam.shafer@poultryscience.org).

April 15: Deadline for approval of recommendations, and if an issue is forthcoming, the PSA Board of Directors will vote on Committee's recommendations; in most cases this is a *pro forma* action.

May 1: Chair contacts winner(s) and nominator(s) to determine if candidates accept. **Chair instructs** candidates to submit – **by May 15** – their Social Security Number (SSN), electronic biography, and digital picture for poster presentation at the meeting and for publication in *Poultry Science* to Sam Shafer, Communications Specialist (sam.shafer@poultryscience.org).

- **Format** for digital photo: 300 dpi in Tiff or pdf. If a photo must be scanned, the original photo should be a clear headshot (of at least 2 x 3 in), labeled on the back with award and candidate name, mailed to the PSA office.

May 1: Once the recipient has accepted, **Chair notifies** all nominators of unsuccessful candidates and, where appropriate, encourages re-submission the following year.

May 15: Deadline for biography and picture to be sent by award winner. **Deadline** for final written report to Board Liaison for presentation at the summer Board of Directors Meeting.

July: Award sponsor (if not available, Committee Chair) announces award winner at the Awards Banquet. The award announcement and presentation are **restricted to two minutes**.

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RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE APPENDIX TO THE PSA CONSTITUTION:

(s) Poultry Welfare Research Award

- (1) This award, administered by the Committee on Poultry Well-Being of PSA, has been made possible by an endowment gift of \$5,000 to the Poultry Science Association by an anonymous donor. Additional gifts to this endowment are welcome.
- (2) The amount of this award will be based on the return of the investment minus the cost of the plaque, up to a maximum of the highest of other awards presented through the Poultry Science Association.
- (3) This is an every-other-year award and will be given in even-numbered years beginning in 1992.
- (4) Nominations can be made by any individual knowledgeable about the nominee's accomplishments. A letter of nomination along with supporting materials should be submitted electronically via the PSA awards website no later than March 1 prior to the Annual Meeting at which the award will be given. The award will be based on original research on poultry welfare in any discipline (e.g., behavior, epidemiology, genetics, immunology, nutrition, physiology, or veterinary medicine) that has been published during the previous five years. Research on poultry welfare will be defined as research that 1) evaluates indicators of welfare, such as those related to fear, pain, or stress; 2) evaluates management practices that can be applied to the laboratory use or commercial production of poultry to improve welfare; and/or 3) evaluates or develops procedures intended to alleviate or minimize poultry welfare problems.

- (5) Materials supporting this nomination should include the following: nomination letter, up to three supporting letters, biographical materials, list of pertinent publications published during the last five years, reprints of those publications, and other relevant material.
- (6) Scoring: The following scoring system is used for judging:
 - a. Quality/Excellence (40%): general scope(s) of research, depth, experimental design, scientific methodology, innovation, major findings.
 - b. Quantity/Magnitude (20%): publications in peer-reviewed journals, proceedings, trade journals, extension publications, popular press.
 - c. Relevance (40%): relevance to understanding and improving poultry welfare.