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## **The Sharon M. Pickett Award Criteria**

The Sharon M. Pickett Award was established in honor of Sharon Pickett who served as Editor of *ACResolution* from 2000 – 2007. In addition to serving as a family mediator and trainer, Sharon has worked as a communication specialist for many environmental NGOs. Her clients have included the Center for International Environmental Law, Sierra Club, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Union of Concerned Scientists, Ozone Action, Clean Air Task Force, Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, Northeast Sustainable Energy Association and others.

In recognition of Sharon's ardent advocacy of environmental issues and mediation, both professionally and personally, the Association for Conflict Resolution presents the Sharon M. Pickett Award annually. The award honors *an ACR member who has advanced the cause of environmental protection through the effective use of alternative dispute resolution*. The award are announced at the ACR Annual Conference each year and on the ACR website.

### **1. Eligibility**

Two categories of awards have been established. The categories will alternate from year to year. The first category, which will be awarded on even numbered years, is for professional impact. The second category, which will be awarded on odd numbered years, is for publications.

**Professional Impact.** To be considered for the award, the person must:

1. be focused on advancing the cause of environmental protection through the effective use of conflict resolution,
2. have provided a uniquely important contribution to environmental protection, through the use of conflict resolution techniques either for a specific situation or over the length of the person's career, and
3. be an ACR member as defined by current membership at the time of nomination.

**Publications.** To be considered for the award, the publication must:

1. be focused on advancing the cause of environmental protection through the effective use of conflict resolution,
2. be an original work,
3. have been published in the current or previous three calendar years,
4. be published in English or, if published in another language, be translated into English for review, and
5. have been written by an ACR member as defined by current membership at the time of nomination.

Any individual or organization is eligible to nominate a person or publication. Multiple persons or publications may be nominated; however, a complete application page must accompany each nomination. Nominees who do not receive an award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Each nomination will be judged on its own merit and not in direct competition with other nominations. Only nominees eligible for the award will be considered by the judges. Judges may select one nominee for the award, but may select others for honorable mention.

## **2. Definitions**

"Advancing the cause of environmental protection through the effective use of conflict resolution" means that the person or publication has promoted the quality of the environment through the application of or the publication about conflict resolution, including but not limited to mediation, facilitation, negotiation and other conflict resolving processes.

"Author" may include co-authors. Author(s) may be awarded the medal posthumously. The publication must be publicly available, in the form of books, articles or published reports and excluding proprietary materials.

"Published . . . in the current or three preceding years" means that the publication has a publication date in one of those years, was available for purchase those years, and has a copyright date no later than the third year.

The terms "published in English" and "translated into English" DO NOT limit the use of words or phrases in another language where appropriate in context.

### 3. Selection Criteria

**Selection** criteria will include:

- Impact of the person or publication on the ecological, environmental health, or other environmental benefits of alternative conflict resolution;
- Impact of the person or publication on our understanding of, the effectiveness of and/or the use of environmental conflict resolution;
- Contribution to the overall field of environmental conflict resolution; and
- (for publications) the quality of writing.