Guidelines for Nominations

To make a nomination, please send all of the following information to AABC:

- Nominee’s name, degrees, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Category for which person is being nominated
- Evidence of meeting the criteria for this award (250-500 words)
- Person who is making nomination, address, telephone number, and email address.

Send to: AABC Awards Committee at Awards@BirthCenters.org.

Deadline for 2019 Nominations: JULY 31, 2019 JULY 21, 2019

Criteria for Awards

PROFESSIONAL
1. Licensed practitioner in an out-of-hospital setting for 5 years and/or member of AABC for 5 years.
2. Actively supportive of birth centers as an alternative birth site option in the community.
3. Active in promoting birth centers as a cost-effective, health oriented alternative for low risk, healthy women and families in areas of well-woman care, pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
4. Has contributed to the advancement and/or establishment of birth centers in the United States.
5. Active in promoting ongoing community support of the basic philosophy of birth centers to the public (i.e. through public speaking, published articles, etc.)
6. Politically active and aware of the problems facing birth centers in the past and present. Committed to improving birth centers in the future; through continued upholding of birth centers as safe alternative care for women.

COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN
1. Collaborating physician for a freestanding birth center for 5 years and/or member of AABC for 5 years.
2. Actively supportive of birth centers as an alternative birth site option in the community.
3. Active in promoting birth centers as a cost-effective, health oriented alternative for low risk, healthy women and families in areas of well-woman care, pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
4. Has contributed to the advancement and/or establishment of birth centers in the United States.
5. Active in promoting ongoing community support of the basic philosophy of birth centers to the public (i.e. through public speaking, published articles, etc.)
6. Politically active and aware of the problems facing birth centers in the past and present. Committed to improving birth centers in the future through continued upholding of birth centers as safe alternative care for women.
COMMUNITY
1. Supportive of the basic philosophies of birth centers regarding preventive health oriented care for women and their infants in pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
2. Through community awareness programs and/or projects has contributed to the growth of birth centers or promotes birth centers as an alternate, cost effective health care option (i.e. - sponsoring support groups, lobbying to make legislators aware of consumer needs, talking to large groups, etc.)
3. Is a consumer of a birth center who is committed to the birth center future as the community health care option for normal, low risk women and their families.

MEDIA
1. Supportive of basic philosophies of birth centers regarding preventive health oriented care for women and their infants in pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
2. Accurate reporting of birth centers as an alternative safe, cost effective site for birth through excellence in newscasting, journalism, video promotion, websites, etc.
3. Active in support, through media, of alternative health care options and health care providers to promote health and wellness in the community.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE
1. Active in sponsoring and/or supporting legislation supportive of the concept of birth centers and the basic philosophy of AABC.
2. Active in support of reimbursement from both private insurance and federal funds.
3. Supportive of preventive, health oriented, cost effective health care for all.
4. Supportive of health care alternatives and alternative health practitioners as safe, cost effective health care options for normal, low risk women and their families.

Past Recipients of the AABC Achievement Awards

PROFESSIONAL
1992 Sr. Angela Murdaugh, CNM
1993 Ruth Shiers, CNM
1994 Phyllis Leppert, MD
1995 Marion McArtney, CNM
1996 Edith Wonnell, CNM and Kitty Ernst, CNM
1997 Mary Lou Longeway, RN & Henry Maicki, MD
1998 Lisa Ross, CNM
1999 Jon Vrtiska, MD
2000 Susan R Stapleton, CNM
2001 Elizabeth Gilmore, CPM
2002 Ann Sober, RN
2003 Robert Crawford, MD
2004 Pat Brewer, CNM
2005 Sandy Williamson, CNM
2006 Denise Roy, CNM
2007 not awarded
2008 Roberta Frank, CNM
2009 Margaret Dorroh, CNM
2010 Kathryn Schrag, CNM
2011 Melanie Dossey
2012 Kenneth Blau, MD
2013 Jill Alliman, CNM
2014 Paula Bernini Feigal, LM, CPM
2015 Fran Wertman, CNM
2016 Maureen Darcey, CNM
2017 Abigail Lanin Eaves, CNM
2018 Norma Veridiano, MD

COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN
2005 Josh Getttinger, MD
2006 Elizabeth Stifel, MD
2007 Owen Bell, MD
2008 Dominic Cammarano, DO
2009 Henry Ramini, MD
2010 Stephen Guy, MD
2011 Menachem Miodovnik
2012 Shanti Mohling, MD
2013 Glen Elrod, MD
2014 Martha Carlough, MD and the UNC Dept of Family Medicine
2015 Leon Schimmel, MD
2016 Lawrence Leeman, MD
2017 Janice Anderson, MD
2017 Lisa Johnson, MD and the OB Hospitalist Physicians at Alaska Medical Center
2018 Dennis Miller, MD

COMMUNITY
1992 Phyllis Rothschild
1993 Stanley Fisch, MD
1994 Barbara Cattermole & Rosemary Frank Vitale
1996 Janette Schneider
1997 The Council for Empowering Childbearing Families
1998 Marjorie Jordan, RN, ACCE
1999 Samuel Petre
2000 Janet Hall
2001 Jean Douglas Smith
2002 Monroe County Executive and the Board of Directors of the Women's Wellness and Maternity Center
2003 not awarded
2004 Ann Ross
2005 not awarded
2006 Claudia Booker
2007 not awarded
2008 Marisa Page
2009 not awarded
2010 Amy Polk (in memoriam)
2011 Judith Treistman
2012 Amy Swagman
2013 not awarded
2014 Amy Saloner & Jen Aliano – Natural Baby Pros
2015 Rebecca Romero-Rainey
2016 not awarded
2017 Tricia Balazovic
Megan Brown
2018 Jack & Sherry Youngblood

MEDIA
1992 Jamie Bolane
1993 Henci Goer
1994 Polly Wells
1995 Sarah Peasley
1996 Diane Mason, RN
1997 Cindy Richards
1998 Diony Young
1999 Cindy Loose
2001 Banyan Productions
2002 not awarded
2003 W.K. Kellogg Foundation
2004 Polly Wells
2005 Jennifer Fink
2006 Paula Wilmont
2007 not awarded
2008 Wolf Creek Media Productions
2009 Manic Productions
2010 Pat Jones, CNM
2011 Chad Harper
2012 not awarded
2013 not awarded
2014 Eugene DeClercq, PhD

2015 Judy Norsigian / Our Bodies Ourselves
2016 Michelle Munz
2017 Linda Cole, CNM & Melissa Avery, CNM
2018 Barbara Anderson, CNM

PUBLIC ADVOCATE
1992 The Honorable Michael O'Pake
1993 Governor Lawton Chiles
1994 Charles Mahan, MD
1995 Sidney Wolfe, MD and Mary Gabay for Public Citizen
1996 Senator Lucy Killea
1997 Phillip Lee
1998 Anne Richter, CNM
1999 Chuck Wray
2000 Colleen Conway-Welch, CNM
2001 Barbara Levin, MD
2002 not awarded
2003 William Lubic
2004 Lonnie Morris, CNM
2005 not awarded
2006 not awarded
2007 Senator Bettye Davis
2008 not awarded
2009 Sponsors of the Birth Center Medicaid Reimbursement Act: Representatives Susan Davis, Lois Capps, Gus Bilirakis and Rob Wittman; Senators Barbara Boxer and Mark Begich
2010 Jill Alliman, CNM and Karen Fennell RN
2011 Edwards Barham and Susan Jenkins
2012 James “Ed” Daughtry
2013 Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
2014 Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton
2015 Kendra Wyatt
2016 Utah Senator Deidre Henderson
2017 Midwives Association of Washington State (MAWS)
2018 Jamie Zahlaway Belsito