### NAHAM Award Policy

The NAHAM Awards Program provides opportunities for professional growth and national recognition of contributions to the National Association of Healthcare Access Management and to the field of patient access services.

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| Marian Blankenship Award     | The Marian Blankenship Award is awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of patient access services. | • The nominee must be a current NAHAM member.  
• The nominee may not be a current member of the Board of Directors.  
• Any Active, Honorary or Business Partner member may submit a nomination.  
• Members cannot self-nominate for this award. | • Nominations can be submitted online and must include a letter of nomination describing the nominee’s contributions as they related to the criteria for this award.  The nominee’s name, organization and address should be noted as well as the name, title, organization, address and telephone number of nominator. | • The awardee will receive a plaque and recognition during the Annual Conference Award Presentation.  
• The awardee will also be recognized on the NAHAM website and in an email to the membership. |
| Murray Rimmer Award          | The Murray Rimmer Award is given to an individual or entity who has made a significant and substantial contribution to the development of NAHAM as a national association in the healthcare industry. | • The nominee is not required to be a current or former member of NAHAM.  
• The nominee may be a current member of the Board of Directors or any of its committees.  
• Any Active, Honorary or Business Partner member may submit a nomination.  
• Members cannot self-nominate for this award. | • Nominations can be submitted online and must include a letter describing the nominee’s contributions as they relate to the criteria for this award.  The nominee’s name, organization and address should be noted as well as the name, title, organization, address and telephone number of nominator. | • The awardee will receive a plaque and recognition during the Annual Conference Award Presentation.  
• The awardee will also be recognized on the NAHAM website and in an email to the membership. |
| Carl Satterfield President’s Award | Carl Satterfield was a dedicated founding member of NAHAM. This award honors his memory and legacy as a tireless past president of NAHAM. | • Not applicable – given at the discretion of sitting NAHAM President. | • Not applicable – given at the discretion of sitting NAHAM President. | • The awardee will receive a plaque and recognition during the Annual Conference Award Presentation.  
• The awardee will also be recognized on the NAHAM website and in an email to the membership. |
Process:

1. NAHAM will issue the call for nominations for the Marian Blankenship, Doris Gleason and Murray Rimmer award no later than four months prior to Annual Conference.

2. Nominations for the Marian Blankenship and Murray Rimmer awards will be reviewed by the Executive Director and President to prepare a slate for the Board of Directors to vote.

3. The slate of nominees will be issued to the Board of Directors for approval.

4. Board votes will be tallied and results will be shared with the Executive Committee.
   a. If there is a tie, the sitting President will select the awardee from among the top-ranked candidates.
   b. If there are no nominees for a particular award, the Executive Committee reserves the right to consider whether nominees for the other awards could be considered for the award with no nominations.
   c. If the Executive Committee does choose to consider nominees for awards other than the one of original nomination, the Executive Director will contact the individual’s nominator to confirm that he/she is in agreement with considering the nominee for a different award.
   d. In the case that the Executive Committee chooses to consider other nominees, they will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval.
   e. Past award recipients will only be reconsidered if contributions since last award have been above and beyond previous contributions to elevate the patient access profession or NAHAM.
5. Nominations for the Doris Gleason award, along with original articles that appeared in the *Access Management Journal* for the prior year, will be shared with the Publications Committee for review and scoring. The winner will be chosen based on the highest score. In the case of a tie, the NAHAM President will choose the awardee from the top-ranked submissions.

6. Awardees will be recognized at the Annual Conference and in an email to the membership following Conference.