

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARDS 1987 – 2023

The NWRA Board of Directors Award is given in appreciation to a person who has made a valuable and outstanding contribution to the organization. It is awarded by a vote of the NWRA Board of Directors specifically for a contribution to NWRA as an organization, not to the field of wildlife rehabilitation (as are the Lifetime and Significant Achievement Awards).

2023

Jim Pace (PA) – in recognition of his years of working both with NWRA and with wildlife rehabilitators to understand and meet our unique insurance needs. In providing advice, as well as insurance coverage, Jim has helped elevate our professionalism and has given us one less thing to worry about.

2022

Kelli Knight LeVan (VA) – for being our ambassador to the exhibitors, building good relationships and taking care of them with a smile and a positive attitude. She is dedicated to supporting the Symposium, and she works efficiently and quietly behind the scenes, taking care of the things we take for granted, even making sure an exhibitor who sponsors a coffee break is appropriately acknowledged.

2020

Amanda Nicholson (VA) – for her excellence as Program Coordinator, bringing energy, positivity, and creativity to each NWRA Symposium since 2015 as she masterfully organizes the sessions, workshops, seminars, speakers, and moderators for the benefit of attendees.

2019

Barbara Suto (FL) – for her continued dedication to ensuring the financial health and stability of NWRA, ensuring completeness and accuracy of financial records, expertly using QuickBooks, and contributing essential reports to the Board of Directors and the annual audit.

2017

Debra Dohrmann (MN) – for 20 years of incredible work and dedication as the NWRA Central Office Manager and for bringing enthusiasm, creativity, humor, and problem-solving skills to an ever changing and expanding job. Deb has helped NWRA grow into the professional organization it is today.

2016

Nick Lattimore (LA) – for contributing skills and expertise to each annual NWRA Symposium, and especially important is his familiarity with the newest software advances. He plays an important role in team problem solving. Working dependably and selflessly behind the scenes, he helps make each symposium a success for speakers and, therefore, for attendees.

2014

Lessie Davis (NC) – for managing and editing several books for publication through NWRA; for contributing her skills and expertise to the NWRA audit team; and for working for the past 16 years to help make each symposium successful, including registration coordinator for many of those years, writing and editing materials, and providing essential assistance to the Symposium Coordinator.

2013

Erica A. Miller, DVM (DE) – for more than 10 years of unwavering service to ensure the success of NWRA Symposia, including program, layout, AV work, teaching, and designing hands-on workshops; and for her commitment to improving the field of wildlife rehabilitation through reviewing countless member comments and updating and editing the Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation 4th edition.

2012

Sandra Pinkerton (PA) – for her participation on the Symposium Registration Team since 2004 and her consistent and reliable volunteer work assisting attendees to improve their symposium experiences.

2011

Steve Thrune (MN) – for safe transport of NWRA materials to eleven of the last twelve national symposiums, ensuring proper loading of the rental truck and driving to all corners of the US.

2010

Carolyn Suto (OH) – for exceptional dedication to successful symposiums through work on the master mailing list, on-site registration, and assistance to the symposium coordinator.

2009

Rose Augustine (IL) – for invaluable help with membership directories, publications, and the 2008 member survey project.

2008

Gary Davis (IL) – for his generous contribution of talent, skills, and patience in redesigning the NWRA website.

2007

Christine Kerrigan (Ontario, Canada) – for her numerous donations of original high quality artwork for the NWRA Wildlife Rehabilitation Bulletin cover, and for designing the 25th anniversary logo for NWRA Symposium 2007.

2006

Therese Davis (IL) – for her generous donation of time, skills, expertise, and artistic talent in the design of a new membership brochure for NWRA.

2005

John Frink (DE) – for his continued work with symposia audio/visual needs, numerous publication layouts, website work, and helping with the smooth transition of webmasters.

2004

Dianne Tuff, Up Front Consulting, Inc. (MN) – for her guidance and skill in leading the NWRA board and staff through strategic planning.

2003

Martha Pokras (MA) – for her valuable leadership and work on the NWRA Human Resources Committee.

2002

Joyce Galiardo (FL) – for her invaluable assistance to the NWRA Symposium Coordinator, especially for processing registrations prior to the symposia and assisting during many symposia.

Sylvia Groeger (PA) – for her consistent participation on the NWRA symposium registration team.

2001

Jeanne Kalien, independent consultant (MN) – for her tremendous amount of donated work on the 1993 and 1998 NWRA member surveys and for her comprehensive and useful reports to the NWRA Board of Directors.

2000

Jim Fuldner (KY) – for his generous donation of time, energy, and expertise in creating and maintaining the NWRA website.

Ofer Pittel (Ontario, Canada) – for his continuing years of dependable service with audio/visual needs during NWRA symposia 1994–1998.

1999

Gary Orendorff (KY) – for his continuing years of dependable service with audio/visual needs during NWRA symposia 1992–1998.

1998

Ann Suto (OH) and Carolyn Suto (OH) – for their contributions over many years to NWRA symposia preparation, paperwork, compilation of state rehabilitation lists, their presence and continual good attitude at the symposium registration table, and their support of the Symposium Coordinator.

1997

Keith Hulsebos (WI) – for his invaluable contributions of time and computer skills toward the production of several NWRA publications, including Training Opportunities and Principles of Wildlife Rehabilitation, for skilled symposia AV operations, and for endless hours of data entry for member survey responses.

Margaret Rost School (OH) – specifically to the students and their leaders, for donating their time in the preparation of NWRA member mailings (NWRA Newslines, Quarterly, symposium registration brochure, and NWRA Membership Directory) for six years.

1996

Betsy Crozer (MD) – for her consistent, knowledgeable, and trustworthy service as NWRA Treasurer from 1989 to 1994.

1994

Pamela Reger (IL) – for her excellent contributions to the NWRA symposia, including her work with exhibitors, silent auction, and assistance to the Program Chair.

1993

Steve Thrune (MN) – for contributing greatly to the success of seven NWRA symposia through supervising volunteers and 'exceptional orchestration' to meet AV needs.

1992

Donna Ludwig (IL) – for her outstanding work as Program Chair of Symposium 1991.

Barbara Suto (FL) – for her exceptional management of Symposia 1990 and 1991 as NWRA's Symposium Coordinator.

1991

Barbara Lundberg and Harry Eichbaum, Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research mailing team (DE) – for donating their time and expertise to prepare mailings of the NWRA newsletter for two years.

Lou Strobhar (IL) – for transforming the NWRA newsletter into timely quarterly issues for the past two years, 1989–1991.

Adele Moore, TreeHouse Wildlife Center (IL) – for maintaining the NWRA national office and contributing to the NWRA in multiple capacities, including the Beginner's Workshop at the annual symposia.

1990

Friends of the Furred and Feathered, support group for Willowbrook Wildlife Haven (IL) – for outstanding support of NWRA since 1982, including financial support for the very first symposium in 1982, and becoming NWRA's first paid Life Member.

1988

Barbara Suto (FL) – for her outstanding contributions as the Host Committee Co-Chair towards the success of NWRA Symposium 1987.

Dianna King (FL) – for her outstanding contributions as the Host Committee Co-Chair towards the success of NWRA Symposium 1987.

Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary (FL) – for hosting an outstanding NWRA Symposium.

1987

Dan Mackey (FL) – for his professional contributions to the NWRA symposium proceedings publications.