



Outstanding New Leader Award Nomination Form

The ANCA Outstanding New Leader Award is intended to recognize individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the success of a nature center and recognized potential in the assumption of leadership roles, creativity in programming, facility development, and/or administration and a commitment to the profession. The award is not intended for volunteer leaders of nature centers such as trustees and donors. Current ANCA Board members are not eligible for the award.

Deadline: Please submit your nomination form and supporting documentation electronically to jenlevy@natctr.org by April 1.

Name of person being nominated: _____

Current Job Title of person being nominated: _____

Nominee's nature center affiliation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of person making nomination: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nomination Questions—Please attach separate pages and answer questions as completely as possible utilizing narratives, highlights, and/or bulleted points:

1. How long has the nominee served the nature center profession as the top level administrator (must be less than 5 years) Be sure to include:
 - a. Years of service as a professional, not simply time of employment at the nominee's most recent job, may include related work and volunteer experience that led to position as administrator.
 - b. A brief sketch of the nominee's career and education.
2. Please describe the nominees attributes for the following criteria:
 - a. **Leadership** - Demonstrates organizational leadership guiding a team of staff, board, volunteers and community stakeholders in the success of a center.
 - b. **Professionalism** - Earns the respect of peers, staff and community; Represents the field with professional integrity and character; Demonstrates and furthers "best practices" in nature center administration.
 - c. **Professional Development** - Demonstrates on-going desire for learning and self-improvement; Shares knowledge with peers and is active with ANCA and/or similar groups locally, regionally and/or nationally.
 - d. **Creativity** - Applies best practices and new skills to creative problem solving; Demonstrates new methods and applications in nature center administration; Applies best practices and new skills to creative problem solving; Demonstrates new methods and applications in nature center administration.
3. Describe your qualifications to make this nomination. Be sure to include:
 - a. How you know or know of the nominee.
 - b. Your background, as it relates to nature and environmental learning centers.
4. Please attach three (3) letters of support for this nomination, or have them emailed to Jen Levy at: jenlevy@natctr.org