Western Association of Chamber Executives

Chamber Executive of the Year Award

Purpose:
Recognizes a Chamber Chief Executive Officer who, in the judgment of the Award Committee, demonstrates outstanding performance as a chamber chief paid executive and leader. This award is based on performance during the current year and is not intended as a career award.

Eligibility:

- All chief paid executives of Chambers in good standing as W.A.C.E. members.
- A recipient may not be nominated again for a minimum of three years.
- The Award Committee reserves the right not to bestow the award if no applications meet the standard of recognition.

Application Process & Notes about Documentation:

- Individuals may be self-nominated, or can be nominated by a staff member or volunteer leader at their Chamber, or by chamber executive from another W.A.C.E. member Chamber.
- W.A.C.E. recognizes that third-party nominators (e.g. staff, volunteer, colleague) may be unable to secure the full documentation requested. In these cases, they should contact W.A.C.E. as soon as possible to discuss alternatives.
- In addition to details about specific and unique accomplishments during the current year, applications will require either documentation or narrative explanations of achievements in at least three of these five areas of chamber management:
    - Financial management (990, Balance Sheet, growth)
    - Communication strategies & results
    - Legislative and advocacy initiatives
    - Membership growth & services
    - Community Impact

Judging Criteria:

- Judges will consider all evidence submitted to determine the scope and impact of the Executive's leadership during the current year. Specifically, the judges will look for evidence that the Executive was responsible for noteworthy achievements for their Chamber in the areas of Chamber finances, membership, advocacy, and/or community impact.