



**The Rabbi Paul H. Levenson Award for Outstanding IACUC Service by a
Non-Affiliated Member**

AWARD CRITERIA

The Rabbi Paul H. Levenson Award for Outstanding IACUC Service by a Non-Affiliated Member recognizes a volunteer who helps to define and execute the vision of his or her IACUC and is committed to the best possible animal welfare program within his or her institution.

The non-affiliated member –

- Attends all IACUC meetings and if, for a compelling reason cannot attend, he or she keeps the IACUC office fully informed.
- Willingly participates in and is fully engaged in all IACUC meetings and comes fully prepared to each meeting.
- Demonstrates great personal and professional commitment to the IACUC.
- Displays outstanding volunteer qualities: is proactive and positive and, for example, is able to make difficult decisions.
- Takes part in learning opportunities both within and outside the institution that will improve his or her knowledge of IACUCs, biomedical research and education with animals, and the non-affiliated member's role.
- Encourages others to consider volunteering as IACUC non-affiliated members.
- Serves the IACUC of an MSMR member organization.

The Award can be given to a new or seasoned volunteer, though the nominee must have completed at least one full year of service including at least two semi-annual inspections.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination packet should contain the following items:

- A nomination letter outlining how the nominee fulfills the award criteria above. Specific examples demonstrating these points are very helpful.
- Up to three letters of support. These can be from IACUC members and research administrative staff who work extensively with the nominee. Specific examples are very helpful.

Nominations are due by e-mail to the MSMR Office by May 15, 2019. Please send them to this e-mail address: LevensonAward@msmr.org

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SELECTION PROCESS

- The Levenson Selection Committee is composed of individuals from across the MSMR membership in New England. The Committee members are broadly and deeply experienced in IACUCs and IACUC operations.
- The Committee will meet and develop a scoring system based on the Award Criteria and Nomination Criteria, above.
- The Committee will determine qualifying levels and mechanism for handling ties. All Committee members will review and score all nominations. At a convened meeting the Committee will discuss and finalize its selection. [Meeting may be convened in-person and by web- or teleconference.]
- The winning candidate and nominator will be informed by early June 5 and both will be invited to the MSMR Annual Meeting of Members, where the Award Plaque and \$500 honorarium will be presented.
- It is hoped that the winner will be able to come to the Annual Meeting of Members, but not required. If attendance is not possible, the nominator or another proxy may accept the award.
- The Committee is not compelled to make the award. In any year in which no nominee meets the minimum qualifying score, the Committee will announce that there will be no winner that year.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2018 – Joseph Marcucci, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research

2017 – William MacEachern, Dartmouth College IACUC

2016 – Dr. Ralph S. Schoemann, Yale University IACUC

2015 – Rabbi Paul H. Levenson, Inaugural recipient, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

THE LEVENSON AWARD COMMITTEE

- Anne Clancy, PhD, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Sera Malette, DVM, Charles River Laboratories
- Roger Sloboda, PhD, Dartmouth College
- Barbara Smith, DVM, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Ross Hickey, JD, University of Southern Maine
- James O'Reilly, MSMR – clerk, non-voting

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