Region XI Council

Blacks In Government

Annual Award Categories and Criteria

2024

<u>Deadline</u>: Sunday, November 3, 2024

11:59PM EST (No extensions)

1. Send entries to: <u>RXIAwards@gmail.com</u>

2. Please exclude the submission of photographs and refrain from headers with graphics. The award must only focus on activities, events, and successes from ***<u>October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024</u>.***

3. Address the email to the awards committee. Please placethe name of the award and the name of the nominee in the subject line.

   EXAMPLE:

   To: RXIAwards@gmail.com
   Subject: *Council Involvement Award – Name of Nominee*

Awards are presented at the annual Region XI December Gala.

Region XI Awards

AWARD	NOMINATIONS MAY COME FROM	ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS
1. Region XI Most Improved Chapter Award	RXI Chapter Presidents and/or designee RXI Executive Committee	All active/financial RXI chapters
2. Region XI Membership Chapter of the Year Awards (2 Awards - Gold & Platinum)	RXI 2nd Vice President	All active/financial RXI chapters
3. Region XI Regional Representative Involvement Award	RXI Chapter President or member of the RXI Council	All active/financial RXI regional representatives
4. Region XI Outstanding Community Service Award (2 Awards - Individual & Chapter)	RXI Chapter President and/or designee (Chapter)	All active/financial RXI chapters and/or financial RXI members
5. Region XI Chapter Involvement Award	RXI Chapter President and/or designee	All active/financial RXI members
6. Region XI Committee Chair of the Year	RXI Council President	RXI committee chairs appointed with at least one year of service to the council
7. Region XI Officer of the Year	RXI Council President	RXI council officer's appointed / elected with at least one year of service to the council
8. Region XI Chapter President's Leadership Award	RXI Chapter President and/or designee RXI Executive Committee	All active/financial RXI Chapter Presidents
9. Region XI 2024 Overall Chapter of the Year	RXI Chapter President and/or designee RXI Executive Committee	All active/financial RXI chapters
10. Region XI Agency Impact Award	RXI Chapter President and/or designee RXI Executive Committee	All active/financial RXI chapters

1. **Region XI Most Improved Chapter Award** (Chapter Award):

This award is awarded to the chapter that has shown remarkable improvements throughout the year. Specific areas of improvement include, but are not limited to:

a) Overcoming membership vacancies.
b) Restructuring leadership roles.
c) Establishing relationships with managers.
d) Participation in the development of initiatives for young professionals; and
e) Current submission of required documents/reports to the RXIC.

Nominations are taken from the Chapter President and/or members of the RXI Executive Committee. The Awards Committee will review the submissions to determine financial status with the Region and submit nominations to the RXI President. Nominations must include the Chapter Activity Reports for October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, that was submitted to the RXI Board of Directors or a chronological timeline. The RXI President will make the selection. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

2. **Region XI Membership Chapter of the Year Award** (2 Chapter Awards):

The Gold Award – is awarded to the chapter that has achieved the greatest "percentage increase" in its chapter membership from October 1st (of the previous year) to September 30th (current year).

The Platinum Award – is awarded to the chapter that achieved the greatest "numerical increase" in its chapter membership from October 1st (of the previous year) to September 30th (current year).

Each chapter is recognized for its successes in recruiting new members, retaining its current members, participating in membership drives, and promoting membership at all levels Regular/Associate, Life or Gold Plus). Both the percentage and numerical computations are made by the RXI 2nd Vice-President/Membership Chair using RXI's membership database from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The RXI 2nd Vice-President/Membership Chair will provide all chapter computations, and the names of the chapters that attained these goals, to the RXI Council President for review and consensus of the final computations.

The RXI 2nd Vice-President in consultation with the National Membership Chair will make the final selection. These awards are procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

3. **Region XI Regional Representative Involvement Award** (Individual Member Award):

To be considered for this award the member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

a) Be an active member of the Region XI Council;
b) Have a known record of service and involvement with the council (served on committees, held office, made contributions to good order and discipline duringmeetings, attends regular meetings); and
c) Demonstrated and exhibited outstanding leadership. Overall, recognition is awarded to a member of RXI BIG that has contributed to the improvement andsuccess of the Region XI Council

This award is for Regional Representatives and their contributions to the Council. This award recommendation is submitted by the Chapter President or member of the RXI Council. The nominees will be voted on by the Regional Representatives at the November RXI Council Meeting. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

4. **Region XI Outstanding Community Service Award** – 2 Awards
   (Chapter and Individual Member Award)

To be considered for these awards the chapter and individual member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

a) Have a record of accomplishment that reflects his/her dedication to the principlesof BIG;
b) Be considered a leader in the community and/or government workforce;
c) Serve as a catalyst for positive community development;
d) Encourages and supports career mobility of non-professionals, professionals, trainees, and/or non-tenure positions by acting as a mentor, counselor, instructor,tutor, or guide;
e) Provides training and establishes opportunities for government employees aswell as BIG members;
f) Made contributions to a specific community project which has helped to promotethe ideas and objectives of BIG;
g) Made a direct and positive impact on the quality of life of a church, civic, orcommunity group; and
h) Be a role model that exemplifies courage and dedication in their position as agovernment employee or member of BIG.

Overall recognition is awarded to a chapter and individual member of BIG for their contribution to the community.

Nominations are taken from the Chapter President or designee and/or members of the RXI Executive Committee. The Awards Committee will review the submissions to determine financial status and submit the nominations to the RXI President. For the Chapter Award, nominations must include the Chapter Activity Reports, October 2023 through September 2024 that was submitted to the RXI Board of Directors or a chronological timeline. These awards are procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

5. **Region XI Chapter Involvement Award** (Individual Member Award):

To be considered for this award the member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

a) Be an active member of a chapter within RXI;
b) Have a known record of service and involvement with the chapter (served on committees, held office, made contributions to good order and discipline duringmeetings, attends regular meetings); and
c) Demonstrated and exhibited outstanding leadership.

Overall recognition is awarded to a member of RXI BIG based on the member's commitment and dedication at the local chapter level. This award is for a member's notable contributions to the chapter's success.

Nominations are taken from the Chapter President and/or members of the RXI Executive Committee. The Awards Committee will review the submissions to determine financial status with the Region. The RXI President will make the selection. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

6. **Region XI Committee Chair of the Year** – (Individual Member Award):

The Region XI Committee Chair of the Year recognizes a RXI council committee chair that has exhibited sustained leadership, involvement and strategic vision in meeting regional goals and objectives; along with the following criteria:

a) Be an active member of the Region XI Council;
b) Have a known record of distinction and accomplishment over the past year; and
c) Demonstrated innovation/creativity, program success and sustainable benefits,commitment to goals and engagement of BIG members; and
d) Proven and exhibited exceptional character that distinguishes him / her as an outstanding leader, role model or mentor by promoting the development or advancement BIG goals and objectives.
e) Documented involvement in council programs or activities.

This award is awarded to the Region XI Committee Chair for their contributions to the council. Only committee chairs appointed with at least one year of service to the council is eligible for this Award. The RXI Council President will make the selection of this award and submit the name of the selectee to the Awards Committee. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

7. **Region XI Officer of the Year** – (Individual Member Award):

The Region XI Officer of Year Award is presented to the Regional Council Officer who made significant outstanding contributions to the council, meeting the following criteria:

a) Be an active member of the Region XI Council;
b) Have a known record of service and involvement with the council (leading committees, held office, made significant contributions to good order and disciplineduring meeting, events) over the last year; and
c) Demonstrated achievements and improvements accomplished and the goals realized by the council during the nominee's term of office. What was his/her role inthese improvements and changes?

d) Have a record of building relationships; the nominee developed with his/her regional representatives, fellow regional officers, and chapter members.
e) Documented involvement in council programs or activities

This award is awarded to the Region XI Council Officer for their contributions to the council. Only council officers appointed / elected with at least one year of service is eligible for this Award. The RXI Council President will make the selection of this award and submit the name to the Awards Committee. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

8. Region XI Chapter President's Leadership Award (Individual Member Award):

To be considered for this award the member must be in good financial standing with theNational Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

a) Served or currently serving as President of a BIG chapter in RXI for at least 12 consecutive months;
b) Have a record of accomplishment that reflects his/her dedication to the principles of BIG;
c) Made contribution of note to the chapter and RXI council;
d) Impacted the overall development of their chapter and increased membership ofthe chapter during the 12-month period; and
e) Demonstrated positive and outstanding leadership, dedication, commitment toBIG.

Overall recognition is awarded to the President of a Region XI BIG chapter.

Nominations are taken from the Chapter President or designee and/or members of the RXI Executive Committee. The Awards Committee will review the submissions to determine financial status with the Region. This award submission must include the Chapter's Activity Reports submitted to the RXI Board of Directors from October 2023 through September 2024 or a chronological timeline. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

9. Region XI 2024 Overall Chapter of the Year (Chapter Award):

This award is presented to a chapter in recognition for their performance throughout theentire year. The Chapter of the Year award is presented to the chapter that has exhibited the best performance throughout the year. The following areas are consideredin the selection:

a) Chapter activities conducted throughout the year,
b) Participation in programs and education competitions,
c) Membership drives,
d) Hospitality contributions,
e) Cost savings activities,
f) Members serving in office at the national and regional levels,
g) Regional representative attendance,
h) Chapter spirit,
i) Enthusiasm,
j) And overall energy towards promoting unity and the growth of Blacks In Government.

This is the highest recognition award that can be received by a chapter during the year.
Nominations are taken from the Chapter President or designee and/or members of the RXI Executive Committee. The Awards Committee will review the submissions to determine financial status with the

Region. This award submission must include the Chapter's Activity Reports submitted to the RXI Board of Directors from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, or a chronological timeline. The name of the selectee shall be provided to the Awards Committee. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

10. Region XI Agency Impact Award (Chapter Award):

This award is awarded to an entire chapter that has made significant impact in their respective agency. BIG Chapters that have promoted BIG through seminars, special meetings with agency leaders, participated in various special interest group events, young professionals within the agency, equal opportunity initiatives, fundraising events,support of the National Training Institute objectives, and actively engaged in the establishing a positive position of BIG within their agency are awarded the Agency Impact Award.

Nominations are taken from the Chapter President or designee and/or members of the RXI Executive Committee. The Awards Committee will review the submissions to determine financial status with the Region. This award submission must include the Chapter's Activity Reports submitted to the RXI Board of Directors from October 2023 through September 2024 or a chronological timeline. The name of the selectee shall be provided to the Awards Committee. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Persons interested in nominating a chapter, an individual, or themselves, for an award should complete this form with no more than a 12-point font, two (2) page narrative that highlights the accomplishments*. The award must only focus on activities, events and successes from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. In addition, submission for Chapter Awards must include a copy of their Chapter's Quarterly Activity Reports from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, that was submitted to the RXI Board of Directors or a chronological timeline. Please do not submit nominations with photos and refrain from using headers with graphics.

This form must also include the signature of the Chapter president or their designee, (pen/ink or government digital signature are acceptable) and be submitted to the Awards Committee at rxiawards@gmail.com by submission due date. Award packages for 2024 must be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:59PM EST, Sunday, November 3, 2024.

In the email subject line to the awards committee, please place the name of the award and name of the nominee in the subject line, for example:

To: RXIAWARDS@gmail.com

Subject: Council Involvement Award – Name of Nominee

Name of Award _____

Name of Nominee ___

Name/Address of Chapter ___

Signature of Chapter President/Designee:_____Date_____

*Please furnish a summary of the nominee's background, using the selection criteria as a guide, and state the reasons why this person should receive the award.

Note: No more than two (2) 12-point font typed pages*