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Noshir A. Langrana, Co-Chair

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Rules Governing the Awards

A. Eligibility Conditions for Nominees

- A.1 To be eligible for the North American Zarathushti Community Awards – 2014, nominees must satisfy the following criteria:
- Nominee must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of Canada or the United States of America; and
 - Nominee should have been properly initiated into the Zarathushti religion.
- A.2 Nominees for the "Outstanding Young Zarathushti Award" and the "Outstanding Young Zarathushti Student Award" must be 30 years or younger on January 1, 2014 (that is, born on or after January 1, 1984).
- A.3 Following individuals shall not be eligible for nomination for the North American Zarathushti Community Awards:
- Members of FEZANA Awards Committee in 2014.
 - Prior winners of the North American Zarathushti Community Awards, and/or the World Zarathushti Community Awards; and
 - Individual Zarathushtis appointed by the Awards Committee to serve as judges for the specific category for which he/she is a judge.
- A.4 An individual can be nominated for a maximum of TWO award categories. If an individual is nominated for more than two categories, the Awards Committee shall determine the two categories for which the nominee shall be considered for evaluation.

B. Nominations

- B.1 All nominations must be submitted on the Nomination Form prescribed by the Awards Committee. Nominations not submitted on the prescribed form shall not be considered or processed.
- B.2 Nominees must be sponsored by at least **two** individuals. Both sponsors must sign the Nomination Form.
- B.3 An individual sponsoring a nomination on behalf of a group of individuals or an association must indicate his/her position in the organization.
- B.4 By signing the nomination, the sponsors and their nominee:
- agree to abide by the rules established by the Awards Committee for the Awards; and
 - accept all decisions of the Awards Committee as final.
- B.5 **Nominations should not exceed six pages, including the cover page.** Nominations exceeding six pages will be returned to the sponsors for revision.
- B.6 Certificates, citations, and other documents must not be attached to the Nomination Form. If attached, these will *not* be submitted to the judges; further, these will become the property of the Awards Committee and will *not* be returned to the sponsors or the nominee.
- B.7 The Awards Committee will first review all nominations before their submission to the judges. Nominations that do not meet the guidelines and criteria set by the Awards Committee will not be submitted to the judges.
- B.8 For each award category, a minimum of two (2) nominations shall be required for evaluation and selection of a winner. If only a single nomination is received for any award cate-

gory, it shall not normally be considered for evaluation and the sponsors shall be notified. However, in exceptional cases, in consultation with the judges for that category, the Awards Committee may consider the single nominee for an award.

- B.9 A nominee can be selected for an award for only one category. If an individual is declared as a winner in two or more categories, the Awards Committee will request the judges for those categories to collaboratively decide on the award category for which the individual should be declared the winner.
- B.10 The Awards Committee will not entertain or respond to:
- inquiries about the status of nominations during the process of evaluation or thereafter; or
 - appeals against its decision on any item related to a nomination.

C. Judges

- C.1 The Awards Committee shall appoint a panel of judges for each award category, comprising respected Zarathushtis from North America.
- C.2 If an individual appointed as a judge for a specific award category is subsequently nominated for the same category, the Awards Committee shall either appoint the individual to serve as a judge for another award category or remove his/her name from the panel of judges.
- C.3 An individual appointed by the Awards Committee to serve as a judge for an award category shall not sponsor a nominee for the same award category. If received, such nominations shall not be processed or submitted to the judges.

D. Evaluation of Nominations and Selection Winners

- D.1 The judges shall be required to evaluate the nominees based solely on:
- the information contained in the Nomination Form; and
 - the evaluation criteria and points system prescribed by the Awards Committee.
- D.2 Hence, for proper evaluation, it is essential that the sponsors list in detail their nominee's achievements in Part 3, specifically including adequate details of the nominee's achievements in respect of each of the "Evaluation Criteria" for the specific award category as detailed under "Categories, Definitions and Evaluation Criteria."
- D.3 If in the opinion of the Awards Committee there is an evident bias in the evaluation of a nominee by a specific judge, that judge's evaluation may not be considered in determining the final result and the winner for that category.
- D.4 The judges shall submit their evaluation to the Awards Committee in the prescribed evaluation summary form, indicating the number of points scored by each nominee against each evaluation criteria and the total number of points. The nominee scoring the maximum total number of points scored by all the judges in the panel shall be declared the winner for each category.
- D.5 The Awards Committee may declare more than one winner in a category, if two or more nominees score the same number of total points.
- D.6 If the judges declare that none of the nominees for a specific category deserves an award, the Awards Committee may decide not to declare a winner for that award category.

E. Announcement of Winners

- E.1 The names of winners will be announced approximately a month before the congress and the information will be included the Congress Brochure. At the congress, their achievements will be publicized, and they will be officially recognized at the Awards Presentation Ceremony Luncheon.
- E.2 After the Congress, the names of the winners shall be publicized in Zarathushti publications worldwide.

AWARD CATEGORIES, DEFINITIONS, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Category A

Rohinton Rivetna Outstanding Zarathushti Award

Definition

To recognize a Zarathushti who has made outstanding and well-recognized contributions to further the cause of Zarathushtis in North America and internationally through outstanding leadership and service. Such contributions could include Zarathushti history, theology, culture, religious education, community organizations, and interfaith activities.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Service and contributions in furthering the cause of the Zarathushti community
 - (a) in North America 45
 - (b) worldwide 30
2. Other achievements and activities recognized
 - (a) in North America 15
 - (b) worldwide 10

Category B

Jamshed and Shirin Guzdar Excellence in Business or Profession Award

Definition

To recognize a Zarathushti who has reached the pinnacle of prominence in his/her profession and/or business and whose achievements have been recognized both in North America and worldwide.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Academic qualifications 10
2. Rapidity of progression in career 15
3. Managerial level of responsibility in business or professional level
in case of non-business career 25
4. Recognition by peers in the specific business or profession
 - (a) in North America 25
 - (b) worldwide 25

Category C

Jamshed Pavri Humanitarian Service Award

Definition

To recognize a Zarathushti who has made significant contributions in advancing social and humanitarian causes in general and for the Zarathushti community in particular, and whose humanitarian service achievements have been acknowledged in his/her local community, in North America and worldwide.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Humanitarian service amongst the Zarathushti community in North America..... 40
2. Humanitarian service in general
 - (a) in North America..... 30
 - (b) worldwide..... 10
3. Peer recognition of humanitarian service
 - (a) in North America..... 15
 - (b) worldwide..... 5

Category D

Dinshaw Framroze Joshi Excellence in Performing Arts, Painting or Literature Award

Definition

To recognize a Zarathushti who has excelled in the field of performing arts (dance, music and drama), painting or literature and whose achievements have been recognized by peers within the country of residence and internationally.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Excellence achieved in the chosen profession of performing arts, painting or literature..... 40
2. Recognition of professional attainments by Zarathushti community
 - (a) in North America..... 30
 - (b) worldwide..... 30

Category E

Outstanding Young Zarathushti Award

Definition

To recognize a young Zarathushti, 30 years or younger on January 1, 2014 (that is, born on or after January 1, 1984) who after achieving high grades as a student in scholastic studies and participating in other extra-curricular activities, has subsequently achieved excellence in his/her chosen profession, is deemed to be an outstanding rising star by his peers, and who has made substantial contributions to Zarathushti community affairs in the local community and in North America.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Level of Academic Qualifications 15
2. Level of Achievements in Chosen Profession 25
3. Rapidity of Progression in Chosen Profession 25
4. Recognized Service and Contributions to Zarathushti community
 - (a) in local community 20
 - (b) in North America 15

Category F

Shirin Nariman Dastoor Outstanding Young Zarathushti Student Award

To recognize a young Zarathushti, 30 years or younger on January 1, 2014 (that is, born on or after January 1, 1984) who has achieved academic excellence as a student in his/her scholastic studies and participating in other extra-curricular activities and who has made substantial contributions to Zarathushti community affairs in the local community.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Level of Academic Qualifications 50
2. Level of Extra-Curricular Activities 25
3. Recognized Service and Contributions to local Zarathushti community 25

Category G

North American Mobeds Council Community Services Award

To recognize a young Zarathushti Mobed or Mobedyar, 35 years or younger on January 1, 2014 (that is, born on or after January 1, 1979), who has provided exemplary services to the Zarathushti community. This award is sponsored by NAMC and the selection of the candidate will be made by a committee appointed by NAMC.

N o m i n a t i o n F o r m

**Instructions
Parts 1, 2 & 3**

Awards Committee
Noshir A. Langrana, Co-Chair
Adil F. Mistry, Co-Chair

Nomination Form

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each nominee must be sponsored by at least two individuals or Associations.
2. Both sponsors must sign the Nomination Form, Part 1.
3. All specified details of the Nominee must be given in the Nomination Form, Part 2.
4. By signing the Nomination Form, the sponsors certify that:
 - the nominee has agreed to his/her being nominated for the specific award category;
 - the nominee is either a citizen or legal permanent resident of Canada or the United States of America;
 - the nominee has been initiated into the Zarathushti religion; and
 - both sponsors and the nominee agree to abide by the Rules Governing the Awards and to accept all decisions of the Awards Committee as final.
5. Judges shall evaluate nominees solely on the information contained in Part 3 of the Nomination Form. *Hence, for proper evaluation, it is essential that the sponsors list in detail their nominee's achievements in Part 3, specifically ensuring that adequate details of the nominee's achievements in respect of each of the "Evaluation Criteria" for the specific award category as detailed under "Categories, Definitions and Evaluation Criteria" are included.*
6. **Part 3 of the Nomination Form shall not exceed SIX pages (8.5"x11" size, 1" margin on all sides and minimum 11 size fonts) including a cover page.**
7. Awards, certificates, citations, etc. received by the nominee may be listed but originals or copies should not be attached. If attached, such documents shall *not* be forwarded to the judges and shall *not* be returned to the sponsors or the nominee.
8. Nomination Forms can be submitted either via email (preferred) or postal mail. If sent via email, Nomination Forms should be sent to awards@fezana.org. An e-mail confirming receipt will be sent to the sender.

If the Nomination Forms are sent via postal mail, please send an email to notifying the chair of the postal mailing; followed by mailing the completed forms at the following address:

**Noshir Langrana, FEZANA Awards Committee
19 Brookfield Way, West Windsor, NJ 08550-3510**

9. Nominations must be postmarked on or before August 20, 2014 or e-mailed on or before September 1, 2014. Nominations emailed or postmarked after the announced date or not submitted in the prescribed nomination form shall be disqualified and not considered or processed for evaluation.

Nomination Form

PART 1: SPONSORS

(Complete using BLOCK LETTERS)

We, the undersigned, nominate

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
Circle one First Middle Last

for the following category of the North American Zarathushti Community Awards

Specify Award Category

We certify that the nominee has been initiated into the Zarathushti religion, is a

_____ of _____ and has agreed to the
Specify "Citizen" or "Permanent Legal Resident" Specify "Canada" or "USA"

nomination. We and the nominee agree to abide by the Rules Governing the Awards and to accept all decisions of the Awards Committee as final.

PROPOSER

SECONDER

NAME: _____
First Middle Last First Middle Last

ORGANIZATION: _____
if applicable

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE No.: _____

FAX NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PART 3: NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS¹

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- (a) Particulars must be typed or computer generated.
 - (b) **Total number of pages should not exceed SIX (6) pages (8.5"x11" size, 1" margin on all sides and minimum 11 size fonts)** including this cover page.
 - (c) Provide complete and detailed description of nominee's achievements. *For proper evaluation by the judges, it is essential that the sponsors cover specifically and adequately the nominee's achievements appropriate to each of the Evaluation Criteria for the specific award category for which the individual is nominated (see "Award Categories, Definitions and Evaluation Criteria.")*
 - (d) Awards, certificates, citations, etc. received by the nominee may be listed but originals or copies should NOT be attached. If any such documents are attached to the nomination form, these will not be circulated to the judges and these shall not be returned to the nominee.