

**THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT FOUNDATION  
AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING-MARCH 23, 2018**

**Committee Members Attending:**

Dr. Hill Craddock, Chair  
Cathy Mayes  
Dr. Carolyn Howes Keiffer  
Yvonne Federowicz

**Others Attending:**

Betsy Gamber  
Kendra Collins  
David Kaufman-Moore  
Lois Melican  
Denis Melican  
Brandon Yanez  
Shana Zimnoch  
Judy Antaramian (liaison and recorder)

**April 7, 2017 Minutes Approved**

**Chestnut Conservation Champion Award**

- Chuck Leavell, Rolling Stone keyboardist, Longtime TACF Supporter will be the first recipient of this new award honoring him at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Huntsville, AL.
- Due to band schedule, not sure if he will be able to attend. If not able to attend, perhaps we can film a video of his acceptance speech.
- Use video that we do have for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting promotions.
- Keyboard, piano?
- Presenter of award TBD.

**Volunteer Service Awards for 2018**

- Reviewed 2017 program. Indiana's lack of response to chair's request last year, dropped them from consideration this year.
- Chapter Presidents will work within their chapter to put forth a nominee.
- Chapters that will chose a 2018 Volunteer Service Award nominee are:
  - New England Region-Massachusetts/Rhode Island Chapter, Lois Melican, President
  - Mid-Atlantic Region-Virginia Chapter, Cathy Mayes, President
  - Southern Region-Alabama Chapter, Carmen Burkhalter, President
  - North Central Region-Ohio Chapter, Carolyn Howe Keiffer, President
- Create a form for materials needed (bio, pictures, etc.) for the presentation.

- TACF will waive the registration fee for award winners.
- Awardee attendance is a priority.

### **Special Awards**

- *Service for Special Project Award*-Robert Sypolt for organizing the WV Boy Scout Jamboree.
- Other award names suggested *Outstanding Service Award* or *Special Award*.
- Reviewed the Education Committee/Learning Box Awards that took place in Louisville, KY 2016.
- Committee Service Awards- Ask each Committee Chair to put forth nominee to be recognized for a special project done within that committee.
- Staff Award-Staff longevity appreciation bonus. Tenure based instead of performance based. Starting at the 10-year mark, although Hill suggested 25 years.

### **Student Poster Presentation**

- Reviewed 2017 poster session.
- Judges will have more time this year to review posters and chat with students.
- Will continue to award first and second place winners with monetary prizes and will be recognized in *Chestnut Magazine*. Post Abstracts online, complimentary 1-year membership.
- Need to use poster wall system instead of easels at Huntsville. Staff will check with Carmen Burkhalter, President AL Chapter to see if she can help with this search.
- Search for Sponsorship of Poster Session needed.
- Waive registration fee for poster presenters.
- Dinner costs for Saturday night to be reviewed. Want students included at the Awards dinner.
- Cultivate the next generation.

### **Other Items Discussed**

- Betsy will send committee the Awards Sub-Committee Charter for review.
- Yvonne stated that since 2010, only three women have received awards.