



**2017 NAI Heartland Region Awards**  
Nominations must be received by Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

The Heartland Region awards program recognizes outstanding achievements of NAI members and others working to advance the profession of interpretation. As a member of NAI, you are familiar with outstanding and inspiring programs and professionals from Heartland Region. Please nominate someone you know who, through his or her actions exemplifies our profession. Awards will be presented at the 2017 Heartland Region Workshop in Deadwood, South Dakota April 8, 2017. The Heartland Region Board may nominate recipients of these awards for National Awards.

Please complete the Nomination Form below and attach all of the appropriate nomination support material. Any questions regarding the nomination process may be directed to Jeff Boland, Heartland Region Awards Chair at (507) 467-2437 or Jeff.Boland@eagle-bluff.org.

**Use a separate form for each person/category. Return completed forms to:**  
**Jeff Boland**  
**Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center**  
**28097 Goodview Drive**  
**Lanesboro, MN 55949**

**2017 NAI Region 5 Awards Nomination Form**

Nominee:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Master Interpretive Manager** Presented to a Heartland Region NAI member who has worked for five or more years in the profession and whose current duties are at least 60 percent supervisory and administrative. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive technique, site or program and staff management, and a respected ability to pass these skills on to others. Nomination must not exceed seven pages, including letters of support, excluding cover sheet. Submit the following:

- 1) Describe the nominee's involvement in interpretation and in management, indicating innovative programs, mentoring experience, creative approaches to making interpretive services available to the public, facility or program development, and management techniques.
- 2) List key projects or programs developed by nominee.
- 3) List activity in NAI at section, regional, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships. List awards, recognition's, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 4) Attach up to three letters of support.

**Master Frontline Interpreter Award** Presented to a Heartland Region NAI member who has worked for five or more years in the profession and whose current duties is at least 60 percent frontline interpretation. Must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive techniques, program development, and design of creative projects. Nomination must not exceed seven pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page. Submit the following:

- 1) Describe the nominee's involvement and achievements in frontline interpretation.
- 2) List any key projects or programs developed by the nominee.
- 3) List activity in NAI at section, regional or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement.
- 4) List awards, recognition's, and honors from NAI or other professional memberships.
- 5) Attach up to three letters of support.

**Outstanding New Interpreter** Presented to a Heartland Region NAI member who has worked four years or less in the profession, full- or part time, and who demonstrates a recognized potential in interpretation, assumption of leadership roles, creativity in programming or facility development, and a commitment to the profession and NAI. Nomination must not exceed six pages, including letters of support, excluding cover sheet.

Submit the following:

- 1) Describe the nominee's involvement in frontline interpretation.
- 2) List outstanding projects or programs developed and describe evidence that the nominee has leadership potential.
- 3) List activity in NAI at section, regional, or national level. Include offices held, committee work, and workshop involvement. List other professional memberships, if any. List awards recognition's, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations.
- 4) Attach up to three letters of support.

**Excellence in Interpretive Support** Presented to an individual member or nonmember, governing body, official, administrator, business, agency, or organization that has shown recognition of the value of interpretation through exceptional and sustained support. This support may be broad-based financial, administrative, or executive (or a combination of these), and serves as a respected model for other interpretive venues and contributors. Recognition may be for (but not limited to) sponsorship or support for interpretive programs and enhancement of interpretive facilities. Nomination must not exceed four pages, including letters of support, excluding cover page. Submit the following:

- 1) Describe the nominee's efforts and how they have resulted in lasting benefits to interpretation and set a standard for the interpretive field.
- 2) If efforts are for a specific project, describe the unique nature of the project, its impact on interpretation, and the audiences served.
- 3) Attach up to two letters of support.

**Meritorious Service Award** Presented to a Heartland Region NAI member who has performed extensive and invaluable service to Region V. Nomination must not exceed one page, excluding cover page. Submit the following:

- 1) Describe the nominee's NAI related performance and service, NAI projects/and or overall scope of commitment to NAI.

**Outstanding Contribution to the Region 5 Newsletter** Presented to a Heartland Region NAI author, cartoonist or ongoing contributor to the Buffalo Bull. This may include an ongoing series, individual article, or state/provincial reports. Attach a copy of the article, series, or cartoon. Nominations must not exceed four pages in length including letters of support. Attach a copy of the article, series, or cartoon, which does not count towards length. Submit the following:

- 1) Describe the nominee's efforts and how they have contributed to lasting benefits of interpretation.
- 2) Identify the article, series, or cartoon (by title and issue) and how it pertains to the interpretive field.
- 3) List activity in NAI; awards, recognition's, and honors from NAI or other professional organizations or memberships.
- 4) Attach up to two letters of support.