

## **2025 IAPA OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS Seeking Nominations – Due December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Dear Members,

Each year, the IAPA recognizes exceptional Indian-American psychiatrists residing and practicing in the US for their mental health contributions. I am sure you know many good candidates qualified to be nominated for these awards. I would like you to take some time, review the criteria, and nominate a worthy candidate. Drs. Karuna Poddar, Tanuja Gandhi, and Rohit Chandra will lead the committee in working on our esteemed project. To remind you, your **nomination should reach us by 12/15/24.**

### **Description of awards:**

- Outstanding Academician Award: An IAPA life member who has significantly contributed to the mental health field through research, teaching, and administrative activities is awarded for their academic achievements.
- Outstanding Service Award: This award is given to an IAPA life member who has significantly contributed to the growth and development of the national organization (IAPA) or a local chapter of IAPA.
- Outstanding Public Sector Award: This award was given to an IAPA life member who has made significant contributions as a psychiatrist towards the betterment of the community.
- Outstanding Resident Award: A letter from the program director or a faculty member at the resident's institution is required commenting on the abilities of the applicant in the following areas: Outstanding leadership skills, Professionalism, Heightened cultural awareness in mental health, Clinical/Psychiatric Knowledge; Strong role model and mentorship ability and Scholarly activity. (Participation/ Contribution to activities of the IAPA will be taken into consideration)
- Outstanding Chapter Award: Given to a chapter based on the (a) number of meetings in a given year, (b) initiatives and contributions in its respective region, and (c) number of new members (Previous Chapter Award winners from over five years ago can reapply)

### **Requirements**

The nominee should be:

- A life member in the calendar year before the year of award nomination – i.e., for 2025, the nominee should have been an IAPA member in 2024.
- A physician in good standing, licensed to practice medicine in the United States and or Canada.
- They are willing to travel at their expense to attend the IAPA annual meeting, where they will be awarded a plaque. The Outstanding

Academician awardee should also agree to give an educational presentation at the IAPA scientific meeting.

- Nominees should have significantly contributed to the growth and development of mental health.

#### **Exclusion Criteria**

- Be a prior recipient of an IAPA award (except the Outstanding Resident award)
- Be a current member of IAPA's Executive Committee (President, President, Secretary, treasurer)
- Self-nomination: IAPA awards are given to members recognized as 'outstanding' by their peers & colleagues. No self-nomination is allowed.
- Be a recipient of an IAPA Chapter Award within the past five (5)

#### **Guidelines for submitting nominations:**

Required Information:

- Name and Contact Information of the Nominating Person
- Name, address, and contact information of Nominee
- The type of award the nomination is for
- A brief description of the nominee's outstanding work can be included in the body of the email.
- Recent C.V. of the nominee

#### **Submission:**

For all awards nominations, please send the nominating letter and nominee CV electronically by 12/15/2024 to Dr. Karuna Poddar @ [dr.karunap@gmail.com](mailto:dr.karunap@gmail.com) and copy president Dr. Tarak Vasavada at [president@myiapa.org](mailto:president@myiapa.org)

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