

ADTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Annual Recognition Awards

Category descriptions and nomination criteria:

President's Award

The President's Award is given to a member who has (1) achieved distinction in the field, or (2) rendered outstanding service to their community, or (3) rendered outstanding service to, and demonstrated loyal interest in the ADTA. Members of the Board of Directors of the American Dance Therapy Association are also eligible for this award.

Selection for award recipient comes from ADTA President. This award will be given on an as needed basis and at the discretion of the President.

Outstanding Achievement Award

The Outstanding Achievement Award is awarded annually in recognition of an ADTA member who has made a specific, significant contribution to their local town, city, county and/or chapter for the advancement of the field of dance/movement therapy.

Nominees for this award may be made by Board members and voted upon by the BOD.

Excellence in Education Recognition Award

This is awarded on an as-needed basis in recognition of outstanding education in dance/movement therapy. Recipients could be educators of ADTA approved, non-approved, international, or alternate route training courses. This is awarded to an ADTA member who had made a specific, significant contribution and demonstrated excellence in the education of dance/movement therapists.

Nominees for this award may be made by the Education Committee and the members of the Board and voted upon by the BOD.

Exceptional Service Award

This Award(s) is given annually and can be nominated by or given to board members, chapter members, chapter leaders, committee members for exceptional service *in their local regions* to the ADTA and/or chapter. Several Exceptional Service Awards could be awarded each year as determined by the selection process.

Nominees for this award may be made by Board members, chapter members, chapter leaders, committee chairs, or any ADTA member and voted upon by the BOD.

Leader of Tomorrow Award

This award is given to a dance/movement therapist and Professional Member of the ADTA who demonstrates leadership within the first five years after becoming a Professional member of the ADTA. Criteria for the award are based on significant achievement, such as serving in Chapter leadership roles, creating a program for providing dance/movement therapy services, advocacy in regulatory or legislative affairs, completing or publishing a research project, public relations/marketing achievements, winning a grant or other successes. More than one award can be given each year.

Nominees for this award may be made in conjunction with the Members-at-Large, Chapter Leaders, and members of the Board voted upon by the BOD. This person should be in the field for less than five years.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The ADTA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a specific individual for her or his lifelong and significant contribution to the American Dance Therapy Association and to the growth and development of the profession of dance/movement therapy. *Nominations for this award are made and voted upon by the ADTA Board of Directors.*

Abundance Award

The ADTA Abundance Award is given to an individual or individuals who demonstrate extraordinary achievement or service in one or more of the following areas:

- 1) Fiscal Leadership in the ADTA or an ADTA Chapter
- 2) Initiating and/or expediting significant generation of revenue or cost savings to increase capacity and/or impact of the ADTA.

Award recipients will have utilized proactive, visionary approaches in addressing complex challenges rebutting the scarcity-thinking approach and will exhibit qualities of innovation, vision, customization and hopefulness. Nominations for this award may be made by Board members, chapter members, chapter leaders, committee chairs, or any ADTA member. The award selection is made by a vote of the ADTA Board of Directors.

Innovation Award

This Award(s) is given annually to individual(s) who have made a specific contribution to the field of dance/movement therapy through new, alternate and creative ways. *Recipients can be members of the ADTA or individuals associated with dance/movement therapy and can be nominated by any member of the ADTA and voted upon by the BOD.*