

## Memorandum

From: Executive Committee, Brenda Thomson

Re: Addition of a recognition category to the annual AH awards

Date: 8/5/2017

The Executive Committee has recommended to the Awards Committee and the Board that a new discretionary recognition area be added to the AH Annual Awards. This will allow for AH to recognize organizations and individuals that have had an impact on the humanities that may not match with the three categories of scholars, friends, and rising stars. As a discretionary recognition category rather than a formal "Award", the ED, Executive Committee or the board can choose to recognize exceptional work in the humanities in Arizona.

In past nominations, AH has received organizational nominations that do not fit within the current awards categories. This category does not go through the regular nomination process, but is chosen by the ED, EC and Board and recognition is made thus expanding recognition of humanities in our communities. A discretionary recognition category will allow AH to recognize others or not during each award cycle for expansion.

**Current:** (nominations, scoring, and awarding of one award per category)

### **Humanities Scholars Award** (Dan Schilling)

- Sustained research, creative activity, and service
- Cultivated public engagement with one or more humanities disciplines
- Evidence of impact on diverse issues and/or communities
- An academic based individual

### **Friends of the Humanities Award** (Juliana Yoder)

- Significant contribution to community by promoting dialogue and civil discourse
- Exemplary community outreach activities to link humanities with people
- Has provided resources to the community that sustain programs
- Non-academic based individual

### **Rising Star Award**

- Has built an appreciation of the humanities through action
- Conducted research, creative activity, and service
- Outreach activities that link humanities with the public and/or promoting civil discourse
- 18-35 years of age, individual, may be academic or non-academic based

**Proposed Award:** (Lorraine Frank)

**Founders Community Partnership Award** (discretionary)

- At the discretion of AH, a strong partner with Arizona Humanities or organizations that have partnered with others to promote the humanities
- Collaborating and partnering resulting in a humanities effort
- Exemplary outreach activities to link humanities with people
- Has provided resources to communities that sustain programs
- Sustainable humanities efforts

**Proposed Discretionary Recognition:**

**Recognizing Outstanding Supporters**

- Individual or organization that has provided outstanding financial contributions (long-term or impact) to the funding of the humanities that expanded the reach of humanities throughout Arizona.

**Other** – Unique Recognition (youth, others)