

**Indiana University School of Medicine
Committee Report Template**

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Committee Name: Awards Committee

Committee Chair Name: Nuria Morral

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Meeting Frequency: Twice per year, or as needed if internal awards require selection.

What is the mission of your committee? (100 words)

The mission of The Awards Committee is to honor two internationally-renowned researchers by selecting them as recipients of our two most distinguished IUSM awards: the Steven C. Beering Award for Advancement of Biomedical Science, and the Mark Brothers Award. The awards committee is also responsible for identifying any external awards that our School of Medicine faculty may be viable candidates for honor, including national awards (such as Howard Hughes, Burroughs Wellcome), as well as local awards (such as IBJ Awards, Indianapolis Monthly, local organizations). The committee conducts a selection process to select our IUSM nominees in those applications in which there is a restriction in the number of candidates that can be nominated per institution.

What has your committee accomplished this year? (250 words)

The Awards Committee solicited nominations, reviewed and rated applications, and selected winners for the 2017 Steven C. Beering Award and the 2017 Mark Brothers Award. The committee received 6 nominations for the Mark Brothers Award. The committee selected Augustine M.K. Choi, MD of Weill Cornell Medical College as the winner. Dr. Choi visited IUSM for 3 days and gave two lectures to our medical community in addition to meeting with faculty and trainees. His visit was hosted and organized by Dr. Matthias Clauss. The Mark Brothers Award Lecture, "Can inhaled carbon monoxide at physiological dose be a therapy in human disease" by Dr. Choi was held on March 6th in Walther Hall, and her presented a second seminar entitled "Mitochondrial dysfunction: critical regulator of inflammation and necroptosis" on Tuesday, March 7. The award lecture was fairly well attended, though not full, while the second seminar was more sparsely attended. For his award and service, Dr. Choi was awarded \$4000.00 for this award.

The committee received 10 nominations for the Steven C. Beering award. The committee selected Dr. Michael Welsh, Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Iowa, as the winner, having been officially nominated by Dr. Jean Robillard, Dean of the Carver College of Medicine. Dr. Welsh is a leading researcher in the area of cystic fibrosis who has made several crucial discoveries in the area of bacterial infection, biofilms and their effect on cystic fibrosis. Dr. Welsh will be hosted by Dr. Mark Geraci, Chair of the Department of Medicine, on October 9-11. Dr. Welsh will be asked to visit IUSM for three days and give 2 lectures to the scientific community in addition to meeting with faculty and trainees. His award lecture will be to the open scientific community at IUSM, while his second seminar will be directed primarily to trainees. In addition, Dr. Welsh will participate in a round table discussion with IUSM faculty during his visit. Dr. Welsh receives \$25,000 for his award and efforts, and his outstanding contribution to research.

What goals does your committee have for the next academic year? How can the Faculty Steering Committee help you to accomplish those goals? (150 words)

Next academic year the awards committee will continue to solicit nominations and evaluate applications for the universities two most prestigious awards: the Mark Brothers award and the Stephen C. Beering award. In the past several years, no internal awards required evaluation or selection from the awards committee, but if such an award requires our input this year, we will gladly serve in that capacity.

The evaluation process and selection of the speakers for the Brothers and Beering awards is straightforward and efficient as currently run. Advertising the presentations and the visit of these distinguished guests by IUSM has been suboptimal, however. It would be very helpful for the mission of the awards committee, and for the whole of IUSM, for us to show optimal interest in the work of these excellent researchers, and to optimize the attendance at these events. Dr. Jerde, as representative of the awards committee, would like to bring this deficiency to the attention of the FSC, and seek advice and direction on how to remedy this situation. Finally, if any further situation should arise where additional input is needed, the Awards Committee Chair will present the situation to the FSC to seek advice.