



## **Health Science Librarians of Illinois Starfish Thrower Award Policy and Procedure**

### **Background**

The Starfish Thrower Award was first presented at the HSLI 2000 Annual Conference. The purpose of the award was to recognize important contributions on the part of an individual HSLI member. The award was not presented again after that year. The HSLI Board of Directors voted at its July 2008 board meeting to re-establish the award, and begin soliciting nominations on an annual basis.

### **Purpose**

The Starfish Thrower award is based on the story of the child who “makes a difference” by throwing stranded starfish back into the ocean one at a time. Thus, the award recognizes the efforts and contributions of an individual HSLI member toward the good of the organization.

### **Policy**

Nominations are to be solicited by the President each year beginning in summer or early fall, with the deadline established at the summer Board meeting. Any HSLI member is eligible to nominate any other HSLI member for the award.

### **Procedure**

The Starfish Thrower Award nomination form is available in PDF on the HSLI website, and nominations will be solicited via the listserv and HSLI Newsletter. The nomination form includes instructions for submitting completed forms to the President on behalf of the Board. Confidential copies of nominations are distributed to Board members, and the selection is made during the Fall board meeting. If only one or two nominations are received, the selection may be made by the Board. The award is commissioned by an award/trophy company selected by the Board.

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