

Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Award
Committee Guidelines
June 2005

- 1) The award shall be named the “Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Award”
- 2) The Award shall be presented in acknowledgement of either an exemplary contribution or achievement combining wildlife disease research with wildlife management policy implementation or elucidating particularly significant problems in wildlife health.
- 3) The Award shall be presented no more than once yearly and only when appropriate candidates are identified.
- 4) Candidates shall be selected by a joint WDA and AAWV committee named the Tom Thorne-Beth Williams Memorial Award Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of 4 members (2 from each organization) appointed by the Presidents of their respective organizations for terms of 2 years. Terms may be renewable. All decisions shall be made by majority vote, ties to be broken by consensus decisions of the Presidents of the WDA and the AAWV.
- 5) The Award shall be presented at joint meetings of the AAWV and WDA unless presented at another meeting as approved by both the WDA Council and the AAWV Officers and Governing Council.
- 6) Nominees shall be sought in the Fall/Winter of each year through advertisement in WDA and AAWV communications.
- 7) Nominations shall consist of a letter stating the nominee’s name, affiliations, brief biographical history and a description of the contribution or achievements for which the person(s) are nominated.
- 8) The committee shall select recipients at least 4 months preceding the meeting at which the award is to be presented.
- 9) It is not a goal to keep the recipients name a secret, but is a goal to have the recipient(s) present at the awards ceremony, most often the banquet at the meetings of WDA and AAWV
- 10) The Award shall be open to all professionals in the field of wildlife health regardless of membership in the WDA or the AAWV. This includes students.
- 11) The Award shall consist of a plaque the design and details of which are to be decided by the sub-committee and Presidents of WDA and AAWV. It is hoped

that sufficient funds shall be raised to make a suitable contribution to a field or research project selected by the recipient and to also, if possible, fund travel of the recipients to the meeting at which the Award will be presented

- 12) A person or group that receives the Award shall not receive the Award a second time.