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MEMORANDUM

TO: WAFWA Directors

FROM: Tony Wasley, Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee

COPIES: Law Enforcement Committee Members, Wildlife Chiefs' Committee Members, WAFWA Initiative Leads and File

SUBJECT: **2021 AWARD NOMINATIONS (Action Required)**

As you know, recognition of peers, employees and partners is one of the most important things the Association does every year. The Awards and Recognition Reception/Banquet has become the pre-eminent event at our annual conference. The Awards and Recognition Committee is poised to advance another outstanding class of recipients in 2021, but we can only do that with your full cooperation and personal engagement.

On behalf of the Committee, I want to take this opportunity to strongly encourage you to submit one or more nominations for the Association awards to be presented at the annual conference, which will be held on a virtual platform in 2021. I ask that each of you – U.S. and Canadian members alike – seriously reflect upon who might be worthy candidates for recognition, and then have someone from your staff prepare and submit the required written statement for each nominee. As a benefit to you and the Committee, I'd ask that individual nomination statements not exceed three pages.

Please note that the deadline for submission of nominations is **April 9th**.

Attached you will find a summary of all the award categories and submission criteria, a listing of previous award recipients, and a listing of honorary lifetime members, who also must be nominated.

The Committee hopes to see an entire slate of awards presented again this year. Please submit your nominations to Program Specialist Bonnie Ricord at bonnie.ricord@wafwa.org no later than April 9, 2021. She will, in turn, prepare and distribute the entire nomination packet to the Awards and Recognition Committee for review and action. Also, please ensure that all nominations include the nominee's current mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request for nominations and look forward to commencing the Committee's work.

Thank you.