

1. Purpose and scope

- 1.1. This policy governs the awarding of a John Corboy Medal. This policy covers the application and selection criteria as well as the value, frequency and conditions of the award.

2. Background

- 2.1. Dr John Corboy (1969-2007) was elected chair of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Trainees' Association (RACSTA) in 2007. He was a great leader and a selfless representative of Trainees of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He gave generously to his peers of his time and wisdom. His energetic service to the profession and his tenacious passion for surgery despite personal adversity was remarkable.
- 2.2. This distinguished award for surgical Trainees commemorates Dr John Corboy's achievements and recognises exceptional service by other Trainees.
- 2.3. The Medal is awarded to a Trainee who demonstrates the characteristics for which Dr Corboy was admired.

3. Presentation and Frequency

- 3.1. This is a unique award that recognises the contribution of RACS Trainees and the presentation is made at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).
- 3.2. The John Corboy Medal may be awarded annually.

4. Criteria for Award

- 4.1. The award is made to a candidate who shows some or all of the following qualities:
- a. Outstanding leadership
 - b. Selfless service
 - c. Tenacity
 - d. Service to Trainees of RACS
- 4.2. These qualities must be demonstrated in either the performance of his/her duties, service to the surgical community, the manner of and approach to the fulfilment of their surgical training and/or by their commitment to and involvement with the community of surgical Trainees

5. Nominations

- 5.1. At the time of nomination the nominee for the award must be a current Trainee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Nomination of a candidate for the award may be made by either a Fellow or another Trainee.
- 5.2. The nomination will be completed in the approved nomination form. The nomination should demonstrate the suitability of the nominee for the award by addressing the criteria outlined.
- 5.3. Nominations are considered by a selection subcommittee consisting of:
 - a. RACSTA Chair (Subcommittee Chair)
 - b. One member of the RACSTA Executive
 - c. Censor in Chief
- 5.4. Executive Director Surgical Affairs To avoid a conflict of interest a member specified in 3.4.2 cannot participate in the award selection process if the subcommittee is to consider a nomination made by or of them. If a subcommittee member is conflicted, or is unavailable for any other reason, they will be replaced by an alternate member.
- 5.5. Alternate members for the selection subcommittee are:
 - a. RACSTA Executive Member for RACSTA Chair
 - b. Deputy CIC or Chair, Committee of Surgical Education and Training (CSET) or Chair, Court of Examiners for the Censor in Chief
 - c. Surgical Advisor, Aotearoa New Zealand for the Executive Director, Surgical Affairs.
- 5.6. The selected nominee for the award and supporting information is submitted by the Chair of the Selection sub-committee (usually the RACSTA Chair) to the RACS Awards Committee for approval and recommendation to Council.

6. The Award

- 6.1. The award comprises an individual medal and listing on an Honour Board housed in the RACS Melbourne Office. The medal is inscribed with the words “Dr John William Corboy Medal – Service, Passion, and Tenacity” on one side and “Royal Australasian College of Surgeons” and recipient’s name and date of the award on the reverse. The recipient is also listed on the Distinguished Award Recipients section of the RACS website.
- 6.2. The award will be presented at the annual Younger Fellows and Trainees Dinner held at the RACS Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).

7. Financial implications for recipient of the Award

- 7.1. Expenses incurred in receiving the award are not reimbursed but award recipients receive complimentary registration at the ASC and a complimentary ticket to the Younger Fellows and Trainees Dinner.
- 7.2. Funding for the production of the Medal, the honour board, ASC registration and the dinner ticket for the recipient is from the RACSTA budget.

8. Associated documents

- 8.1. No associated documents

9. Information

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