

Thoughts on Section Awards and Recognition

It seem that over the last five years SR-6 has had multiple changes and thoughts on the idea of recognition. We have come from not enough recognition items to honor volunteers and youth, to maybe too much recognition. Our hope is to find the happy medium, so that worth individuals and lodges may be recognized appropriately and section money is not miss spent.

As of right now the current trend on section awards and recognition that can be earned or applied for is the; Quest for the Golden Arrow, Best overall AIE Lodge, Best overall Ceremonies Lodge, AIE Individual Award, Ceremonies Individual Award, Lodge Participation Award, Individual Participation Patch, the Josh Sain Best all-around Lodge Award and the Training College Recognition Patches.

I feel that these awards and items of recognition are in good order. Most of them are setup on a consistent criteria basis from year to year. They are judged by the individual committees. Also each committee budgets for these items each year. These items keep Conclave and the Section interesting for the participants and are a key part of the Conclave experience. To change these awards/recognition items drastically, I feel would be detrimental.

However, each year many people are also recognized with many different items of memorabilia. These include; recognition items for the Section Officers, Section Adviser, Assistant Advisers, Host Lodge Key Individuals, Special Guests, and Long Standing Volunteers. It is our hope to be able to recognize these people appropriately. In the past many of these individuals have received nothing some years. While in other years they have received the SR-6 Section Service Award (Silver Turtle), a set of lodge flaps, a engraved baseball bat or paddle, a certificate, etc. Some have felt this might be a little over board on items. We also want to insure that we recognize people constantly year to year. (Suggestions for appropriate recognition are below)

Our Section Officers need to be recognized for the dedication of a year of service. It takes a lot to fulfill their requirements as officers. An appropriate gift that has been used in the past is a framed collection of all the lodge patches with a plaque, commemorating the individual for his position and year of service. A certificate would be acceptable if deemed appropriate. (Note the Section Chief also has the option of ordering a belt buckle) If the officer is a 2nd or 3rd term officer this items could still work for each consecutive year, consider the patches do change. However, the option is left up to the Section Adviser.

The Section Adviser could also be recognized with a framed collection of all the lodge flaps for that year, with a commemorative plaque.

The Assistant Section Advisers, should be recognized for their hard work throughout the year. Maybe a certificate, or a nice piece of BSA Memorabilia.

Host Lodge Individuals, should be recognized much like the Assistant Section Advisers.

A guest of the Section should always walk away with a few gifts and a public thank you from the section. Most of these special guests would be National Officers, Members of the OA National Committee, Key Professional Staff, or guest from another Section. Most of these guest are invited for training and speaking purposes at Conclave. Something from us to them is nice to present when they are finished speaking, or at the closing show of the Conclave. Normally a plaque of some sort is a nice gesture of our appreciation.

Long Standing Volunteers are important to recognize, many of these individuals are already recognized by the committee they have helped on over the years. But, if someone is an outstanding help a small plaque or token of our appreciation is necessary. Some of these individuals would be good candidates for the Silver Turtle and should be recognized in that way.

The SR-6 Service Award (Silver Turtle) is the Sections highest award and if an appropriate candidate is found it should be awarded each year at Conclave. It is an award that can be awarded to both youth and adult. This award is given for outstanding service to the section as a whole. A Section Chief or outstanding Section officer, a multiple year Conclave Vice Chief (CVC), an adult who has served at the section level for multiple years some times more than ten. This award more depends on the character of the individual and his cheerful service. So far only four have been presented each year, however there is no set number per year.

The Selection Committee is comprised of previous recipients, with nominations presented by each lodge, the section Adviser, and the Section Officers. It is preferred that the lodge only submit one candidate, however it is appropriate to present two if one is youth and one adult. Just because someone is nominated does not mean they will receive the award. The Selection Committee will choose the appropriate recipients for that years Conclave at the last Council of Chiefs Meeting before the Conclave. All application must be submitted to the Section Adviser before the meeting begins. The Selection of the recipients will be confirmed by the Section Key 3 unless one of them is a candidate or a nomination has been submitted on their behalf. In that case the most recent Section Chief or the Next officer in line (Vice Chief) will step in to confirm the recipients. Unless they are over the age of 21 or are also a candidate themselves. If the Section Adviser is a candidate, the section staff adviser will choose another long standing adviser to approve the awards.

Also, it is important to stay consistent with the physical shape and type of the award. Please see below in the appendix for more information.

Our hope is that this information will allow the section awards to be more constant each year and will allow the appropriate people to be recognized for the service they have given. It is important to note that none of this information is by any means set in stone. The Council of Chiefs has all right to approve new awards or change any of the currently standing ones. These are just suggestions to insure that the conclave awards are appropriate for deserving individuals.

Appendix:

Quest for the Golden Arrow

This award is given out annually at conclave to the lodge who performs the best in Quest events and publications.

Best over all AIE Lodge

This award is given annually to the lodge who has the best American Indian Event participation, including correct dress, and style of dance.

AIE Individual Awards

This is an individual award given out for an individuals performance at Conclave.

Best over all Ceremonies Lodge

The award is given annually to the lodge who has the most participation in ceremonies, including memorization, dress, and performance skills.

Ceremonies Individual Awards

This is an individual award given out for an Individuals performance at Conclave.

Lodge Participations

Participants at Conclave ÷ Registered Lodge members x Distance =Lodge Participation %

Description: This award is designed to encourage lodges to bring as many people as possible to conclave who will participate in events at Conclave. Such as Training, AIE, Ceremonies, and Quest.

Rules: The Service Lodge will not be included in the competition to make this award fair to all other lodges. This rule will continue as long as the award is being given

Example:

Lodge 1- 89 participants at conclave, 400 members registered with lodge,
and 200 miles
traveled $89 \div 400 \times 200 = 44.5\%$

Lodge 2- 75 participants at conclave, 250 members registered with lodge,
and 175 miles traveled $75 \div 250 \times 175 = 52.5\%$

Josh Sain Best All-around Loge Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize the most outstanding Lodge’s in Section 6 during the preceding year. The evaluation shall be based upon how the Lodge’s program and administration meet the basic purpose of the Order of the Arrow. The lodge’s that are estimated as the best shall be recognized as the recipient of the “Josh Sain Best All-Around Lodge Award,” and they shall receive an attractive award that shall remain with the lodge.

The Nomination form and other information can be found in the Rock (Section Guide Book) on page 40-43

The artwork for this award:



Item #	Award Name	Total Number
FSC-46	Josh Sain Lodge Award	5

The Josh Sain award needs to look like this with the lodge names printed on them.

Lodge Names (Do not include the number on the award)

1. Kawida
2. Chicksa
3. Ittawamba
4. Talidandaganu
5. Wa-Hi-Nasa



Josh Sain Lodge Award

Presented to
(Lodge Name)
 at
 Camp Crooked
 Creek
SR-6
Conclave
2011

Artwork and Details for Section Awards: (Example 2011)

SR-6 Award's

These awards come from Muniz Plastics. We have already paid the \$25 fee for our art (March 2010 first order date).

<http://www.munizplastics.com/>

1-800-525-1580



Item-FSWT-48

Item #	Award Name	Base Color
FSWT-48	Best AIA Lodge	Silver
FSWT-48	Best Ceremonies Lodge	Blue
FSWT-48	Quest for the Golden Arrow	Gold



Item CBPIN-12

Item #	Award Name	Base Color
CBPIN-12	Lodge Participation	Green

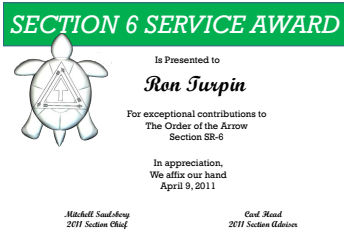


(Name of the Award)
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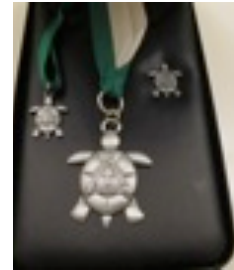
Section 6 Service Award (a.k.a. Silver Turtle Award)

This award is given out annually to several individuals who have shown dedicated service to the Section level, in particularly SR-6 and it's lodges. Past recipients on the youth side include past section chiefs, and long term conclave vice chiefs. Past recipients on the adult side include long standing lodge advisers, and section associate advisers who have served for multiple years.

Application:



Section 6 Service Award (Silver Turtle) Nomination Form



Date: _____

Name of Person Submitting: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Lodge: _____

Current Position: _____

This person is worthy for the following reasons:

Lodge Chief: _____

Lodge Adviser: _____

*Note - Submitting and application does not guarantee the award will be granted.