

THE NINETY-NINES, INC.
BOARD OPERATING POLICIES & PROCEDURES
AWARDS

I. Awards/Ninety-Nines

A. Awards Committee

1. No later than September 1 of each year, the President will appoint a Chairman from the Council of Governors or a Ninety-Nines member with equal experience to act as Chairman of the Awards Committee. Additionally, the Chairman will appoint two Governors and two non-99s from the aviation community to act as judges.
2. Responsibilities – to seek nominations for the *Awards of Achievement*, *Award of Merit*, and the *George Palmer Putnam Award* and to recommend one recipient for each of these awards to the Board of Directors at the Spring Board Meeting.

B. Budget

Each year the Board of Directors and Finance Committee shall approve all budgetary needs regarding awards, including the number and actual awards to be given, gifts for the non- Ninety-Nine judges and complimentary banquet meals to be awarded. The Board of Directors will not be involved in the screening or selection process, except for the *Inspiration Award*. Procedural details will be found in the Standard Operating Procedures.

C. Board Awards

1. *Inspiration Award*
This award is given as special recognition from the Board of Directors to an individual, group or organization or agency whose participation, achievements or activities has had a significant impact on The 99s, the world aviation community or the art and science of aviation or aerospace. The Awards Committee will coordinate the Inspiration Award nominations.
2. *President's Award*
This award is given at the will of the current President.

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- II. Katharine B. Wright Memorial Award
 - A. Established in 1981 by the Gates Learjet Corporation and presently administered by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), this award recognizes a woman who, behind the scenes, provides encouragement, support and inspiration to her husband. The Katharine B. Wright Award was first presented to Moya Lear, wife of Bill Lear. Today, the award is presented to a woman who has:
 - 1. Contributed to the success of others, or
 - 2. Made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time.
 - B. NAA publishes information on the award and establishes the deadline for nominations, generally in April of each year.
 - C. Presentation of the Katharine Wright Award is made jointly by The Ninety-Nines President or her representative and the NAA President at the Fall Awards Banquet of the NAA in Washington, D.C.