2012 JOYCE FADEM
CHAPTER-IN-POLITICS AWARD PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

To recognize, as a tribute to the late Joyce Fadem, Director of Governmental Relations, outstanding chapters in politics for their contributions to the education profession through political action.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Chapters are encouraged to apply to the Service Center Council chairperson. Each chapter president will be provided a nomination form for this purpose. Applications must be submitted to the Service Center Council chairperson postmarked no later than **March 1, 2013**.

B. Each Service Center Council is to select, from among the most qualified nominees, up to five (5) chapters from within the Service Center Council area.

C. The names, nomination forms, and certificate order forms for those selected by the Service Center Councils should be forwarded by the Service Center Council chairpersons, postmarked no later than **March 8, 2013,** to: CTA, Governmental Relations, Att: Sandra Lowe, Assistant Political Action Manager, 1118 10th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

D. Each Service Center Council chapter nominee will be awarded a certificate. The certificate will be prepared by CTA and forwarded to the Service Center Council chairpersons in April for presentation to the chapter nominees at an appropriate Service Center Council event.

E. The Joyce Fadem Awards Committee will screen all information received about the Service Center Councils' nominees and will select one small, one medium, and one large chapter from among those nominated to receive the Awards. Additionally, they will select one “Rookie” chapter that has not been politically active prior to the election for which the nomination is submitted.

F. The chapters thus selected will be honored by the CTA State Council of Education at its June 2013 meeting as the "Chapters-In-Politics of the Year."

Each Chapter-In-Politics of the Year winner will be presented a Joyce Fadem Chapter-In-Politics award.

III. GUIDELINES

A. Nominees should be chapters that devote their time, energy, and expertise to promoting teacher-participation in the political process.

What political activities has the chapter participated in which would qualify for the Chapter-In-Politics Award for the 2011 and/or 2012 calendar year(s)? Recent political activity is necessary to qualify, but past work is important background information.

Information should be provided about the following:

- Chapter activities to get the membership involved in politics.
- Involvement in statewide CTA legislative/political priority activities such as school finance, political campaigns, initiatives and propositions.
- Involvement in local (CTA) priorities such as campaigns of recommended candidates, school board elections, political training workshops, legislative newsletters, or organizing chapter political action committees.
- Involvement in partisan and/or nonpartisan political activities at the local, state, and/or federal level in campaigns of "friends of education" or "educationally-related" issue campaigns.
- Involvement in coalition-building, either single issue (i.e., propositions) or long-term coalitions (i.e., public employee, school community).

B. What specific impact did the above activities have on one or more of the following groups or organizations?

- Teachers
- Chapter
- The Service Center Council
- CTA
- NEA
- The Community

C. Please submit samples of letters, fliers, newsletters, etc., used by chapter indicating political activities. Please include as much supporting data as possible.

IV. TIMETABLE

A. Nominations must be submitted to the Service Center Council chairperson postmarked no later than ***March 1, 2013***.

B. Service Center Council nominations (up to five (5) per Service Center Council) and certificate order forms for those selected should be forwarded by the SCC chairperson to the Awards Committee, CTA, Governmental Relations, 1118 10th Street, Att: Sandra Lowe, Assistant Political Action Manager, Sacramento, CA 95814, and must be postmarked no later than ***March 8, 2013***.

C. The Awards Committee will select the winners in April 2013.

D. The nominee certificates will be mailed to the Service Center Council chairpersons in April 2013.

E. The presentation of the Joyce Fadem Chapter-In-Politics Awards will occur at the June 2013 meeting of the CTA State Council of Education.

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