2012 THEODORE BASS MEMORIAL
TEACHER-IN-POLITICS AWARD PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

To recognize, as a tribute to the late Ted Bass, CTA Political Consultant, an outstanding teacher in politics for his/her contribution to the education profession through political action.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Chapters are encouraged to submit to the Service Center Council chairperson one nominee from each chapter who has made an outstanding contribution to teacher political action. Each chapter president will be provided a nomination form for this purpose. Nominations must be forwarded 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 submitted by the chapters, up to five (5) teacher members from within the Service Center Council area.

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

E. The Awards Committee will screen and sift all information received about the Service Center Councils' nominees and will select one person from among those nominated to receive the Award.

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

The Teacher-In-Politics of the Year will be presented the Theodore Bass Memorial Teacher-In-Politics plaque.

III. GUIDELINES

A. Nominees must be active members who devote their time, energy, and expertise to promoting teacher-participation in the political process.

B. What political activities has the nominee performed which would qualify for the Teacher-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 include any or all of the following:

- Getting teachers involved in political activities.
- Involvement in statewide CTA legislative/political priority activities in areas such as school finance, political campaigns, initiatives and propositions.
- Involvement in local (CTA) priorities such as campaigns of endorsed 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, and including personal candidacy for public office.
- Involvement in coalition-building, including coalitions which work on single issues such as ballot measures, or long-term political coalitions with such groups as public employees and school-related organizations.

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

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

NOTE: Individuals may only receive the overall state award one time, but can receive single issue awards any year.

IV. TIMETABLE

A. Chapter nominations (one per chapter) 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, Att: Sandra Lowe, Assistant Political Action Manager, 1118 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and must be postmarked no later than ***March 8, 2013***.

C. The Awards Committee will select the 2012 Teacher-In-Politics 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 Teacher-In-Politics Award will occur at the June 2013 meeting of the CTA State Council of Education.

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