

## Revision 5 – 8/28/2018

The MAsT International's Members Choice for Presenter of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual, couple or family that has presented workshops and/or classes on the Master/slave way of life and has freely given of their time to the Master/slave Community. Recipients are nominated 100% by the MAsT Chapter Membership at large.

### Annual Timeline

Mid-March to Mid-December	Open nomination period
January	Selection Committee reviews & votes to choose winner(s)
1 <sup>st</sup> week of February	Name(s) of Winners provided to the MAsT: International President four to five weeks prior to the MAsT Annual General Meeting in order to provide enough time to order and receive the engraved plaque.
4 <sup>th</sup> week of February	Provide complete writing about winners to the MAsT: International President for the official presentation
March	Award Presented at the MAsT: International Annual General Meeting or arrangements will be made to deliver/mail the Award to the recipient.

### Process for Nominations

- The entire MAsT community is invited to participate in the nomination process by submitting nominations electronically.
- One must be a member in good standing of any MAsT chapter in order to submit a nomination.
- MAsT Chapters may send one nomination on behalf of their chapter and it will be given fair equal weight as to individual member submissions received.
- Nominations should be made electronically on the Award Tab on [www.MAsT.net](http://www.MAsT.net). Nominations made by phone will not be accepted.
  - [Click Here](#) to Submit a Nomination
  - Properly submitted nominations are automatically sent to the Chair. The Chair compiles and routes to the sitting Selection Panel who will evaluate nominations and vote to select the winner(s).

- Nominations should contain all of the following to be considered:
  - Nominee(s) Full Name
  - Nominee(s) email address
  - List and places of Master/slave presentations if available
  - Name of nominating party/Chapter name and relationship, if any
  - Contact information for nominating party
  - A brief statement from the nominating party as to why you feel this presenter(s) is worthy of the Award. At a minimum, touch upon the following:
    - A brief biography of the presenter(s)
    - The level of participation at events and/or within our community by the presenter(s)
    - Special qualities or actions that make them, in your opinion, outstanding candidates for this Award.

### **Eligibility Criteria for Nominees**

- Individuals, Couples or families will be considered eligible if both members of a couple, or all members of a family/household, participate actively in the presentation process.
- Any Individuals, Couples or families who participates in the Master/slave community is eligible to be nominated for this award.
- Nominees must have presented workshops/classes on Master/slave dynamics. BDSM skill/play/technique classes will not be considered.
- Exclusions:
  - Sitting members of the Selection Panel, Chair, and sitting Board Members of MAsT: International are not eligible to receive the award.
  - Upon winning, the Award Recipient(s) each year will become ineligible for any future nomination.

### **Selection Criteria for Nominees**

- Consideration will be given to the frequency with which the nominee has presented, as well as the range of topics offered as specifically related to the Master/slave dynamic.
- Consideration will be given to nominees who have additionally branched into written, digital, and multimedia forms of education, and to those who have contributed to the field of M/s education through mentorship, group leadership, and event production.
- Consideration will be given to contributions that have had a direct positive impact on the Master/slave community, especially as related to the field of education. Special consideration will be given to any outstanding accomplishments documented on the application.
- Consideration will be given to those that have a notable record of conduct which demonstrates courtesy, kindness, and respect toward others.
- Nominees should have a record of participation in their local Master/slave community. Special Consideration will be given to those that further display participation at National/International Master/slave related conferences and events.

## **Selection Panel Appointment Criteria**

- Chair
  - The Chair cannot be a member of the MAsT: International Board of Directors
  - The Chair will be an active MAsT member with a demonstrated history of educational event and group leadership in the MAsT community.
  - The Chair of the Selection Panel is responsible to select the next Chair of the Selection Panel.
  - The Chair is a facilitator and manager of the panel process and does not participate in the final award vote, except in a tiebreaker.
  - The Chair's responsibility will be to select and appoint the Panel members.
  - The Executive Director is the Chair's point of contact.
- Panel:
  - This panel shall be a diverse body, comprised of seven individuals who are MAsT Members that live in countries that host current MAsT Chapters both Domestic and International. It shall reflect diversity of composition with regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, identity within the MAsT community, age, and geographical region.
  - A panelist cannot be a member of the MAsT: International Board of Directors.
  - No one MAsT Region shall be represented by more than one person on the Selection Panel, except for the Chair's region.
  - Members of the Selection Panel will have a term limit of two years with the ability of extending to three years, and shall be replaced once that limit has been reached.
  - Individuals named to the Selection Panel should have a demonstrated history of educational leadership in the M/s community as pertains to the educational goals of MAsT International, Inc.

## **Process for Selection of Award Recipient**

- Upon receipt of consolidated nominations, the Selection Panel will privately review each of the nominees, all the applications received, and perform their personal research and due diligence.
- Each Selection Panel member will vote for three individuals who will become "finalists."
- Selection Panel members will hold a final vote between finalists, and a simple majority determines the Award Recipient(s).

## **Previous Award Recipients:**

2017 Master Bert & slave nadine  
2016 Lady Catherine G  
2015 Master Dan & slave dawn  
2014 Sir Stephen & slave catherine  
2013 Master George & slave bren  
2012 Liza & slave Jody  
2011 Raven Kaldera & slave boy Joshua  
2010 Lady Lynette  
2009 orja  
2008 Master Larry and slave barb  
2007 slave catherine