

Publication Awards Committee

All publications issued by a society between January 1st and December 31st of one year can be nominated in the following year according to the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Nominations are made by societies of materials published in their newsletter that originated within their club membership. Reprinted materials from sources outside of the society are not allowed nor are articles that are reprinted from previous years.

Original is defined in these awards as meaning that the author of the work is the sole source of that work. This excludes all tracings, clipart, photocopies or other reproductions in any other form. This does not exclude properly cited sources as part of an article.

Rules:

1. The nominations must be submitted according to the criteria established in these rules and as may be adopted by the Board of Directors and the committee. Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in disqualification.
2. The nominations must be submitted to the Chairman bearing a postmark of no later than **January 31st**.
3. The individual entries must be **separately** identified with the following information:

1. Name of the Author
2. Name of the Society submitting the nomination (**NO** abbreviations)
3. Category the nomination is being submitted in for consideration
4. Age of the Author (Junior Categories)
5. Date of Publication and Title of the Society Newsletter

For Example,

Bob Jones
Category 15
01/01/00
Any Society, *Our Newsletter*

Multiple Categories and/or Entrants may not be grouped together with a single cover sheet. Any entry in a category, which is not separately identified according to category and entrant, will be disqualified.

4. Changes that eliminate or reduce the scope of a category will take effect during the calendar year following adoption by the Board of Directors and will not apply to the current award year.

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5. Do not submit the entries in folders, report covers, or other such holders. Entries submitted in such holders will be disqualified.

6. Awards are given for First, Second, and Third place. The Judges may grant Honorable Mention at their sole discretion.

7. Judges may determine that no entry qualifies for a particular level of award and not issue an award for that level. (This allows that there may not be a First (or other) Place while still awarding the remaining places.) In any category which is scored on a minimum point requirement there may be no entry that achieves the minimum and no awards will be issued in that category.

8. The Committee Chairman with the following restrictions selects judges:

1. No one may judge a category in which they or any member of their family has an entry.

2. No one may judge a category in which **any member of any FAAS society** that they are affiliated with has an entry.

3. No one may judge a category in which any FAAS society they are affiliated with has an entry.

In instances where a member society is handling any part of the judging they are restricted from judging any category in which they or any of their members has an entry.

9. Junior categories are based upon the age of the entrant at the time the work was submitted to the local society for publication.

Level I - Five (5) - Ten (10) years of age

Level II - Eleven (11) - Thirteen (13) years of age

Level III - Fourteen (14) - Eighteen (18) years of age

10. Inquiries about a category or entry should be directed to the committee Chairman for resolution. The decision of the Chairman in regards to any entry or criteria is final.

Categories

1. Best Editor and Publication, more than six (6) issues
2. Best Editor and Publication, six (6) or fewer issues
3. Best Non-Changing Cover
4. Best Changing Cover, Original Art
- 4a. Best Changing Cover, Non-Original Art
5. Best FAAS-Related Article
6. Best Exchange Column
7. Best Review Column
8. Best Spawning Article, under 500 words
9. Best Spawning Article, 500 - 1000 words
10. Best Spawning Article, more than 1000 words
11. Best Article on a *Genus* of Fish
12. Best Article on a *species* of Fish
13. Best Marine Article - Fish
14. Best Marine Article - Invertebrates
15. Best Continuous FAAS Column
16. Best Article on Aquascaping/Design
17. Best Article on Plant Maintenance/Cultivation/Reproduction
18. Best Show Article
19. Best Judging Article
20. Best How To or Do-It-Yourself Article
21. Best General Article on Society Management
22. Best Article on Health/Nutrition
23. Best Collecting Article
24. Best Traveling Aquarist Article
25. Best Humorous Article
26. Best Original Artwork
27. Best Cartoon

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28. Best Continuing Column, Single Author

29. Best Article, All Other Categories*

*Articles in #29 cannot be submitted for consideration in any other category.

30. Author of the Year

Author of the Year shall be selected from all eligible entries, in both Sr. and Jr. categories, according to the following criteria:

1. Entries in all Best Editor and Publication (#1, #2), Best Cover (#3, #4, & #4a), Best original Artwork (#26) and Best Cartoon (#27) categories are excluded from consideration. In column entries only those written by a single author will be considered.

2. Each winning article shall be assigned the following points:

- A. First Place 5 points
- B. Second Place 3 points
- C. Third Place 1 Point

3. No points are assigned for Honorable Mention and such articles are excluded from consideration.

4. If any article wins in more than one category it shall be allowed to count only one set of points towards Author of the Year that being the highest points awarded.

5. In the event of ties, the committee will either allow the tie to stand or to resolve the tie in such manner as they shall agree upon so long as all ties are resolved in exactly the same fashion.

Junior Categories:

Junior entries are accepted in all of the categories. Each junior entry **must be** properly identified as a **Junior Entry** and must have the **age of the entrant** clearly marked along with the **Junior Category Level** it is being submitted in.

For example, if you were submitting a Jr. spawning article of under 500 words for a 12 year old -

Bob Jones
Age 12
Junior Category 8
Level II
01/19/00
Any Society, *Our Newsletter*