



# JOAG Awards Committee

Mission: To facilitate the awards process and recognize junior officers for their accomplishments and commitment to the mission of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), as outlined in the JOAG Bylaws.

## Committee Co-Chairs:

- LCDR Abraham (Abe) Marrero ([abraham.marrero@cdc.hhs.gov](mailto:abraham.marrero@cdc.hhs.gov))
- LCDR Jonathan Whitehart ([jonathan.whitehart@hhs.gov](mailto:jonathan.whitehart@hhs.gov))

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## SUBCOMMITTEES

### ***JOAG Awards Process Subcommittee:***

Reviews and updates, as needed, the nomination forms, selection criteria, and companion documents for all JOAG awards prior to the beginning of the awards process.

### ***JOAG Awards Subcommittees:***

Organizes and instructs the Award Leads for each award. Currently there are three awards that are given out by JOAG. Therefore, there are three Award Leads. They set a consistent time line for award review for each award, and ensuring that deadlines for award de-identification and reviews are met.

### ***Commissioned Corps (CC) Awards Subcommittee:***

Monitors and reviews CC award policy updates. Communicates updates to the Awards Committee Chairs for dissemination. Provides guidance and assistance in the nomination of junior officers for Commissioned Corps awards.

### ***Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Subcommittee:***

Annually reviewing the Awards Committee SOP. Updating the SOP, as needed, and incorporating any changes agreed upon by the Awards Process subcommittee.

### ***JOAG Recognition Subcommittee:***

Oversees the recognition efforts for active JOAG participants, advisors, and other people JOAG chooses to recognize.

Assisting the JOAG Chair with the annual JOAG recognition certificates given during the annual COA symposium.

Distributing the template letters of appreciation to all JOAG Committee Chairs and Subcommittee Leads towards the end of the operational year.

Coordinating plaques, gavels, and the like as needed

### ***Special Assignment Award (SAA) Subcommittee:***

Oversees the process of maintaining JOAG voting members' activity logs related to their JOAG activities. Requests and reviews voting members' eligibility (activity logs) for a SAA. Prepares the recommendation package for the SAA to be submitted to the Office of the Surgeon General towards the end of the operational year

### ***The committee also includes:***

- Co-Secretaries (two)
- Website Coordinator

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([http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/JOAG/committees\\_awards.aspx](http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/JOAG/committees_awards.aspx))