

Hollis Roberson Award

Nomination Form

Texas' Outstanding Health Insurance Industry Award



HOLLIS ROBERSON

1922 - 1989

The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals- Texas Chapter (NABIP-TX) Hollis Roberson Award is presented each year to the person who meets the criteria of professionalism set forth by Hollis Roberson.

The recipient of the award is selected by the Hollis Roberson Award Committee which carefully reviews all persons nominated. In making its selection, the committee looks for contributions above and beyond the call of duty, without personal gain. Your recommendations must be supported by an accompanying statement that details the accomplishments of your candidate to include present and former positions, connections with health insurance, biographical information and, of utmost importance, the specific accomplishments that entitle your candidate to this prestigious award. ***Please note only state board members (which includes local chapter presidents) and Hollis Roberson Committee members can submit nominations.***

Please complete this form and return by February 28.

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(Must be received by email on or before March 10, annually)

I nominate: _____

Nominee's Local Chapter: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's City/State/Zip: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____

Contact information for Nominee's immediate family / close friends: _____

Submitted By: _____

Board Position: _____

Phone: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Important: *The initial nomination is not valid unless supporting materials are included. The Committee will automatically carry forward a valid nomination for two additional calendar years following the initial nomination. Any supplemental materials for consideration of a previous nomination carried forward must be received by the deadline.*

Nomination forms and supporting documentation must be emailed to admin@nabip-tx.org. For questions, please call 713-645-1490.

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Nomination Criteria

1. Significant contribution of time and talent to further the health insurance industry.
2. Currently be, or have been, an active and contributing Member of the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals – Texas Chapter.
3. Display the character traits and skills of leadership.
4. Promote the principles of professionalism and idealism
5. Show significant community support to all aspects of both personal and professional achievement.
6. Nominee must not have served as a NABIP-TX Officer on the NABIP-TX Board for at least two board years prior to the current board year.
7. A previous HRA Recipient may be nominated if at least seven (7) years have passed since receipt.

Previous Recipients

1989	Hollis Roberson, CLU, FLMI, RHU	2007	Dave Prewitt, RHU, LUTCF, REBC, CSA
1990	Edna Kern, CLU, ChFC, RHU, LUTCF	2008	Janet Trautwein
1991	Donna Carnall, RHU	2009	Linda New, LUTCF
1992	Robert G. Campbell, Jr.	2010	D. Mike McLaughlin, RHU, CLU, CIC, ChFC
1993	Shirley H. Hutzler	2011	C. Briscoe Dunn
1994	Thomas M. Schilling, RHU	2012	Carolyn Goodwin, CBC, SGS
1995	Henry Dawson, CLU, RHU	2013	Ron Buffum, SGS
1996	Phillip Von Stephens, RHU	2014	Mike Rivera, RHU, REBC, CLU, ChFC
1997	Andrew M. Wolfson	2015	Michael D. Smith, SGS, LTCP
1998	Elizabeth Ashmore	2016	Russell Lee Rice, SGS
1999	W. D. (Bill) Mann, Sr., LUTCF, RHU	2017	C. Louanne Trebing, RHU, CLTC, SGS
2000	Ouida Peterson	2018	Laura Firestone, CPA
2001	Ken Martin	2019	Reid Rasmussen
2002	Jackie L. Spragins	2021	Ed Oleksiak
2003	Caroline Hesselstine	2022	Rick Ott
2004	Jim Smith	2023	Jessica J. Watts, CEBS
2005	Trei Wild	2024	*Mark Bellman
2006	Stan Foster, RHU	2025	Tonya Booth

Bolded names are the current Hollis Roberson Committee members. A member of the Hollis Roberson family (currently Trei Wild) and the NABIP-TX President-Elect are also on the Hollis Roberson Committee.

* Denotes the current Hollis Roberson Committee Chair

Award History

Hollis Roberson, CLU, FLMI, RHU, held a BS from the University of North Alabama, an MBA from Auburn University and an MS from Southern Methodist University. Mr. Roberson served the insurance industry in the capacity of life insurance company president, chief actuary, and owner of his own agency. He served NAHU (now NABIP-TX) tirelessly first as Membership Chairman in 1986-87 and Region IV Vice President in 1986-87. He was elected First Vice President in 1988. Hollis directed the strategic planning committees for NAHU, Texas AHU, Fort Worth AHU and Dallas AHU. He published many articles and spoke to numerous health and life underwriter organizations. Hollis Roberson was the 1989 recipient of the Norman Medill Award for editorial contribution from NAHU. He was listed in Who's Who in Insurance in the South- Southwest. Hollis was the first recipient of the Hollis Roberson Award in 1989, which was established in his honor. Hollis died of cancer at the age of 67 on December 16, 1989, at his home in Rowlett, Texas. He was president-elect of NAHU at the time of his death.

Award Contributions

The Hollis Roberson Award is open for contributions. Contributors are acknowledged each year at the annual NABIP-TX symposium during the Hollis Roberson Award ceremonies and acknowledged in the awards program.

- Individual membership contributions: \$100.00
- Corporate membership contributions: \$250.00

Mail contributions to:

The Hollis Roberson Award Fund
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