Procedure for selecting the winner of the
Kathy Ehrlich AWGA Volunteer of the Year award

I. **About the award**
Each year over 200 volunteers support the Arizona Women’s Golf Association. In fact, it is the volunteers that make our programs possible. One way that we recognize those who have distinguished themselves through their volunteer efforts is with the Kathy Ehrlich AWGA Volunteer of the Year Award. The exceptional performance and contributions of the Volunteer of the Year serve as an outstanding example to others, and by consistently giving back to the game, they play an instrumental role in preserving, promoting, and enhancing the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf among women in Arizona.

II. **Award recipient qualities**
AWGA volunteers serve in many different capacities, and it follows that recipients of the Kathy Ehrlich AWGA Volunteer of the Year Award may excel in different areas from year to year. Notable talents that will be considered are:
- Exceptional performance
- Benefits to the organization/community at large
- New and innovative ideas
- Amount of time spent volunteering
- Key achievements

Furthermore, recipients of the award should display many of these characteristics:
- Enthusiasm
- Reliability
- Dedication
- Flexibility
- Camaraderie
- Humility
- Respectfulness
- Love of the game
- Willingness to help others
- Knowledge
- Leadership

Contributions to other golf programs will be considered, as well.

III. **Nominee Eligibility**
The Volunteer of the Year Award is open to all AWGA volunteers who:
- Have actively volunteered for an AWGA program in the year that they are being considered for the award.
- Have not been a member of the AWGA Board of Directors in the year that they are being considered for the award.

*Active AWGA membership is preferred, but exceptions will be considered.*

IV. **About Kathy Ehrlich**
Kathy Ehrlich was a dedicated, energetic volunteer who served on the AWGA Board of Directors from 2004 thru January of 2012. She helped select sites for the Tournament Committee, helped organize the Volunteer Development Program, was Sponsorship Chair, Vice President and ultimately President in 2009 and 2010. She was instrumental in the AWGA’s strategic planning process, was a gifted facilitator and speaker, and ran very efficient Board meetings. Kathy also served as a USGA Rules Official, was on the USGA Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship Committee, and had a deep commitment to the rules. Her drive to be involved in so many aspects of the game set her apart, and the Volunteer of the Year awardee will follow in her fine footsteps.
Nomination Process

a. **Who can Nominate**
   Board members, Committee Chairs, staff, and fellow volunteers can nominate **up to three** Volunteer of the Year candidates per year.

b. **Nominations can be made**
   
   i. in writing and sent to the AWGA by fax, mail or email
   ii. or can be completed online

c. **Nominations should include:**
   
   i. Number of years the nominee has been a volunteer (if known)
   ii. Summary of the person’s volunteer work at AWGA
   iii. Summary of the person’s volunteer work elsewhere
   iv. Justification for the nomination

d. **The deadline for submitting nominations is 4pm on November 30th each year.**

V. **Judging**

Nominations will be reviewed by the AWGA Board of Directors at the December Board meeting. The judging panel will consider whether a nominee:

- Meets eligibility requirements.
- Embodies many of the characteristics listed in Section II.

Furthermore:

- Only one Volunteer of the Year will be designated in a given year.
- Nominees will stay on the ballot for three years.
- There may be years when this prize is not bestowed.
- **The judging panel’s decision is final.**

VI. The award recipient(s) will be honored at the following Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, and the award announcement will be published in a variety of formats, which may include the AWGA Directory, Annual Meeting & Awards booklet, website, newsletter, and newsblasts.