



Ben Steiner Triennial Award

(inaugurated 2005)

POLICY DOCUMENT

1. GENERAL

1.1 The Award is called the Ben Steiner Award in memory of Ben Steiner who died in 2000. 1.2 The Award shall be given triennially but if no award is made in the triennial year, the Award may be offered in a subsequent year.

1.3 The criteria for the Award is “For outstanding, positive and consistent contributions and achievements towards the development of sign language interpreting over a number of years”. Recipients do not have to be ASLI members.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE AWARD

2.1 The administration of the Award will be conducted by the FASLI Standing Panel in accordance with the Ben Steiner Award Guidance Notes.

2.2 Nominations may only come from three sources, i.e:

(i) the ASLI Board may nominate up to three recipients;

(ii) each ASLI Region may nominate one recipient;

(iii) the FASLI Panel may also submit their own nomination, should they see fit.

2.3 All nominations will be forwarded, unopened, to the Chair of the FASLI Panel and will, excepting clause 2.5, be confidential, and remain confidential, to the Panel. Only the name of the Award winner will be disclosed.

2.4 Panel members will be required to disclose any vested interests or impartiality issues in relation to Award nominees. It shall be for the Chair of the Panel, in discussion with the Panel, to decide whether the Panel member should withdraw from involvement in the selection process. In this event, the decision may be made by the two remaining Panel Members.

2.5 The Panel may approach either the nominator and/or members of the board to seek further supporting information, and in doing so, will seek to ensure that such parties respect confidentiality.

2.6 The FASLI Panel will consider the nominations with regard to the Award criteria and their decision shall be final.



3. PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

3.1 The Award will be presented at ASLI's annual conference or AGM for the relevant year. The recipient will receive a framed certificate and the Ben Steiner Award trophy. The trophy will be held in trust by the recipient for three years and passed on to the next recipient.

4. **RECOGNITION AND PUBLICITY** The names of recipients of the Award will be publicised in ways deemed appropriate by the ASLI Board.

5. AMENDMENTS

5.1 Straightforward amendments or additions to this guidance may be enforced by a simple majority vote of all FASLIs and then by ratification of the Board. Any amendment which would consequentially alter the rules of the Award, i.e. those which are asterisked, must be proposed and agreed in the customary manner at an ASLI AGM.

