



Volunteers Needed

2026 Excellence in Service Awards Committee

We're gearing up for the 2026 NCAC-SOT Fall Symposium and looking for volunteers to help coordinate this year's Excellence in Service Awards, honoring outstanding members of the DMV toxicology community across Scientific Contribution, Community Impact, and Mentorship.

If you're interested in helping review nominations, we'd love to have you on board!

Committee Requirements

To serve on the Excellence in Service Awards Review Committee, volunteers should:

- Be a current NCAC-SOT member in good standing
- Be available to review nomination packages during the review period **September 21 – October 9, 2026**
- Be able to join **one virtual meeting** to discuss and finalize awardees ahead of the Fall Symposium
- Disclose and recuse themselves from evaluating any nominee with whom they have a close personal, professional, or supervisory relationship (e.g., a current mentor/mentee, direct collaborator, or family member)
- Not be a nominee themselves in the category they are reviewing
- Maintain confidentiality of all nomination materials and committee discussions

No prior awards-committee experience is needed — just enthusiasm for recognizing excellence in our community. We especially welcome volunteers across different career stages and sectors (academia, government, industry) to keep the review panel well-rounded.

Interested?

Please contact Mariana Farcas, PhD, DABT, at mariana.t.farcas@gmail.com by **September 7, 2026**, to volunteer.

Important Dates

Volunteer sign-up deadline	September 7, 2026
Nomination review period	September 21 – October 9, 2026
Committee meeting	Virtual (date to be scheduled)

Best regards,
Mariana Farcas, PhD, DABT
NCAC-SOT President (2026–2027)