

7. Bettye Fahrenkamp Political Action Award

Bettye Fahrenkamp (1923-1991) was an educator, a member of the Fairbanks Education Association and NEA-Alaska, and an Alaskan legislator. At the local level, Bettye was PACE chair and an active education advocate. During her fourteen years as a member of the Alaskan Senate, she was an outspoken and vigorous proponent for education issues, employees, and the children of Alaska. She introduced and worked diligently for bills that promoted education.

The purpose of this award is to recognize an NEA-Alaska member and an Alaskan Legislator who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of political action and legislative action which benefits the organization.

NEA-Alaska Member Criteria: To be eligible for this award, the NEA-Alaska member must have worked in three or more of the following areas:

- a. served on a local or state PACE committee;
- b. served as a member of the legislative contact structure;
- c. worked on political fund-raising;
- d. worked on local or statewide elections;
- e. lobbied legislators;
- f. helped to recruit candidates.

Alaskan Legislator Criteria: To be eligible for this award, the Alaskan legislator must have shown outstanding support for the legislative program of NEA-Alaska, not just by a vote, but by introducing and working for the passage of our legislation.

Procedure:

- a. Nominations must be received by the NEA-Alaska President not later than November 1st.
- b. Nomination forms will be available at all NEA-Alaska offices.
- c. A committee appointed by the President including: two members of PACE and the Executive Director as the Ex-Officio member will make recommendations to the NEA-Alaska Board by November 1st.
- d. The Board of Directors shall select the recipient(s) of the Bettye Fahrenkamp Political Action Award at the November Board meeting.
- e. No more than one recipient in each category per year will be selected for the award.
- f. The committee may choose not to select a recipient from the nominations received.

Award:

- a. 1.If the recipient is a member they shall receive a plaque and a \$200 honorarium.
2. If the recipient is an Alaskan Legislator they may receive a plaque and a \$200 honorarium.
- b. He/she shall be invited to attend Delegate Assembly. If the recipient has no plans to attend Delegate Assembly, NEA-Alaska shall pay expenses and travel and one night's hotel accommodation unless other funds are available.

- c. A plaque listing the names of recipient of the Bettye Fahrenkamp Political Action Award will be displayed in each NEA-Alaska office.