

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT 2017**

The Awards Committee identifies and acknowledges those individuals and/or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the VCCJA and to the fields of community corrections and pretrial services. The Committee is also responsible for recognizing VCCJA members for their years of service. This committee consists of a minimum of four members with at least one representative from each region.

### Current Awards Committee members

**Central Region:** Rachel Turner, Riverside CJA (Co-Chair)

**Western Region:** Cynthia Plummer, Lynchburg CC&PTS (Co-Chair)

**Northern Region:** Ann Marie Freeman, Rockingham-Harrisonburg

**Eastern Region:** Hope Brooks, Middle Peninsula LP&P

The committee utilized the VCCJA Directors meeting and the Publicity Committee email blasts to direct members the VCCJA website ([www.vccja.org](http://www.vccja.org)) to disseminate information about awards nomination deadlines and procedures for 2017. Nominations were submitted directly through the website with members receiving automatic verification of receipt of their nomination. A total of 12 nominations were submitted this year. The website provides a list and summary of the previous year's VCCJA award winners. Nominations for this year's awards were due September 15<sup>th</sup> for the award categories: Meritorious Service Award for Local Probation (2 awards), Meritorious Service Award for Pretrial Services (2 awards) Outstanding Service Award for VCCJA Leadership and VCCJA Award for Collaboration and Innovation. These awards will be presented this year at the Awards Luncheon on the final day of the conference, November 3rd .

Since 2014 recognition for years of service in five year increments is made to current members of VCCJA in the form of years of service pins. The deadline for establishing eligibility through paid membership is September 1st. Agency Directors provide current staffing information so that eligible employees can be recognized for years of service. This year 69 Community Corrections and Pretrial Services staff will be presented with VCCJA pins.