

It is time, once again, to nominate deserving fellow IWIRC members for the IWIRC Founders' Awards. Attached is a nomination form that is quick and easy to complete. Please provide details as to why your nominee deserves this very special recognition. As a reminder:

The Melnik Award for Exceptional IWIRC Member - Awarded to a member who has made an exceptional contribution to IWIRC, either over the past year or over a period of years. Named in honor of our founding Chair, Selinda Melnik.

The Ryan Award for Outstanding IWIRC Network - Awarded to the IWIRC Network that during the past year best exemplified the values of IWIRC in support of women insolvency professionals. All chartered IWIRC Networks are eligible. The award is named in honor of our founding Secretary/Treasurer, Lauren Ryan.

The Fetner Award for Outstanding International IWIRC Contribution - Awarded to a non-US member or Network who has made an exceptional contribution to the growth of the organization beyond the United States. The award is named in honor of our founding Vice Chair, Martha Fetner.

These awards, which were established in 2004, are an important part of IWIRC's heritage. I encourage you to take a few minutes to nominate a person or Network for one or more of these awards.

Past Award Recipients Include:

	<u>Melnik Award</u>	<u>Fetner Award</u>	<u>Ryan Award</u>
2011	Tinamarie Feil	Deborah S. Grieve	Canada Network
2010	Debra E. Kuptz	Maria Semenko	Michigan Network
2009	Leslie A. Berkoff	Jacqueline Walsh & Aruni Weerasekera	European Network
2008	Francine Gordon	Dr. Annerose Tashiro	Chicago Network
2007	Susan L. Rhiel	Katerina Papamichael & Katharine S. Stones	NEON Network
2006	Patricia A. Redmond	N. Lynn Hiestand	Georgia Network
2005	Janet E. Bostwick	n/a	Carolinas Network
2004	Carmen Lonstein	Sheryl E. Seigel	Central Ohio Network

Each individual award recipient is given a beautiful broach designed exclusively for IWIRC. The winning Network or Networks each receive a check for \$500.

The winners will be announced in March, and the awards will be presented on April 19 at IWIRC's annual Spring Conference, which will be held in National Harbor, Maryland.

This year, the Spring Meeting is highlighting pro bono and community service by leaders in IWIRC and the bankruptcy arena. In addition, we are going to give attendees an opportunity to do hands on community service intermezzo events in the local area. We hope you join us at the IWIRC Spring Meeting for "Community Service: We Don't Just Talk About It" from April 18-19, 2012.

For further information and to register online, go to www.iwirc.com.



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Founders Awards Nominations-2011

TO: IWIRC Members

I, _____, a Member in Good Standing of IWIRC as of the date hereof, hereby submit the following nominee(s) for the following Founders Awards. (Nominees must be IWIRC members in good standing. Self-nominations are permitted.) Please describe below or on a separate sheet why the nominee meets the criteria for the Award. **Nominations should be sent by fax (703-802-0207) or email to sbedker@iwirc.com to be received by February 24, 2012.**

Signed: _____
Dated: _____

Please note that Award winners will be announced in April and will be invited to attend the IWIRC Spring Program on Thursday, April 19, 2012 in National Harbor, Maryland to receive their award.

Please Type or Print

The Melnik Award for Exceptional Member: Awarded to an IWIRC member in good standing who has provided an exceptional contribution, either through efforts over the past year, or for the culmination of her (or his) efforts over a period of years.

Name	Telephone	Fax	E-Mail
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Please describe in detail and with examples why you believe the candidate deserves the award and meets the criteria.

The Ryan Award for Outstanding IWIRC Network: Awarded to the chartered IWIRC network that best exemplifies IWIRC in the past calendar year. (All chartered IWIRC Networks are eligible, and will be requested to submit a report for consideration. In addition to the reports, however, members may nominate a Network for consideration.)

Network

Network Chair/Contact

Telephone

Please describe in detail and with examples why you believe the Network deserves the award and meets the criteria:

The Fetner Award for Outstanding International Contribution: Awarded to an International (non-US) member in good standing or chartered non-US network who has provided an exceptional contribution, either through efforts over the past year, or for the culmination of her (or his) efforts over a period of years.

Name

Telephone

Fax

E-Mail

Please describe in detail and with examples why you believe the candidate deserves the award and meets the criteria: