

# Blacks In Government

Region XI Council

Award Categories and Criteria



2017

**Deadline: 11:59PM EST Friday, October 20, 2017**

**Send entries to: [RXIAwards@gmail.com](mailto:RXIAwards@gmail.com)**

**Address the email to the awards committee, please place the name of the award and the name of the nominee in the subject line.**

**EXAMPLE:**

**To: [RXIAwards@gmail.com](mailto:RXIAwards@gmail.com)**

**Subject: Council Involvement Award – Name of Nominee**

## **1. Region XI Council Involvement Award (Individual Member Award):**

To be considered for this award the member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

- a) Be an active member of the Region XI Council;
- b) Have a known record of service and involvement with the council (served on committees, held office, made contributions to good order and discipline during meetings, attends regular meetings); and
- c) Demonstrated and exhibited outstanding leadership. Overall, recognition is awarded to a member of RXI BIG that has contributed to the improvement and success of the Region XI Council.

**Typically this award is for Regional Representatives and their contribution to the council. This award recommendation is provided to the Awards Committee from the Chapter President of the nominated member for final selection. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

## **2. Region XI Chapter Involvement Award (Individual Member Award):**

To be considered for this award the member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

- a) Be an active member of a chapter within RXI;
- b) Have a known record of service and involvement with the chapter (served on committees, held office, made contributions to good order and discipline during meetings, attends regular meetings); and
- c) Demonstrated and exhibited outstanding leadership. Overall recognition is awarded to a member of RXI BIG based on the member's commitment and dedication at the local chapter level.

**This award is for a member's contribution to the chapter. This award recommendation is provided to the Awards Committee from the Chapter President of the nominated member for final selection. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

### **3. Region XI Chapter President's Leadership Award (Individual Member Award):**

To be considered for this award the member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

- a) Served or currently serving as President of a BIG chapter in RXI for at least 12 consecutive months;
- b) Have a record of accomplishment that reflects his/her dedication to the principles of BIG;
- c) Made contribution of note to the chapter and RXI council;
- d) Impacted the overall development of their chapter and increased membership of the chapter during the 12-month period; and
- e) Demonstrated positive and outstanding leadership, dedication, commitment to BIG.

**Overall recognition is awarded to the President of a Region XI BIG chapter. Nominations for this award is submitted from a member of the respective chapter, and the recommendation is provided to the Awards Committee for final selection. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

### **4. Region XI Outstanding Community Service Award (Chapter or Individual Member Award):**

To be considered for this award the chapter or individual member must be in good financial standing with the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), a local chapter of BIG and meet the following criteria:

- a) Have a record of accomplishment that reflects his/her dedication to the principles of BIG;
- b) Be considered a leader in the community and/or government workforce;
- c) Serve as a catalyst for positive community development;
- d) Encourages and supports career mobility of non-professionals, professionals, trainees, and/or non-tenure positions by acting as a mentor, counselor, instructor, tutor, or guide;
- e) Provides training and establishes opportunities for government employees as well as BIG members;
- f) Made contributions to a specific community project which has helped to promote the ideas and objectives of BIG;
- g) Made a direct and positive impact on the quality of life of a church, civic, or community group; and
- h) Be a role model that exemplifies courage and dedication in their position as a government employee or member of BIG.

**Overall recognition is awarded to a chapter or individual member of BIG for their contribution to the community. The award recommendation is provided to the Awards Committee for final selection. The award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

## **5. Region XI 2017 Overall Chapter of the Year (Chapter Award):**

This award is presented to a chapter in recognition for their performance throughout the entire year. The Chapter of the Year award is presented to the chapter that has exhibited the best performance throughout the year. The following areas are considered in the selection: chapter activities conducted throughout the year, participation in programs and education competitions, membership drives, hospitality contributions, cost savings activities, members serving in office at the national and regional levels, regional representative attendance, chapter spirit, enthusiasm, and overall energy towards promoting unity and the growth of Blacks In Government.

**This is the highest recognition award that can be received by a chapter during the year. This award is submitted to the Awards Committee from the Chapter President and final selection is made by the RXIC President. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

## **6. Region XI Agency Impact Award (Chapter Award):**

This award is awarded to an entire chapter that has made significant impact in their respective agency. BIG Chapters that have promoted BIG through seminars, special meetings with agency leaders, participated in various special interest group events, young professionals within the agency, equal opportunity initiatives, fundraising events, support of the National Training Conference objectives, and actively engaged in the establishing a positive position of BIG within their agency are awarded the Agency Impact Award.

**Nominations are made by the President of nominated chapter. Nominations are made to the Awards Committee for consideration. Final selection is made by the RXIC President. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

## **7. Region XI Membership Chapter of the Year Award (Chapter Award):**

This award is awarded to the chapter that has shown the largest increase in the percentage of its members for the calendar year. The award recognizes the chapter for their efforts to promote membership at all levels (Life, Gold, and/or Associate), participation in membership drives, and chapters that have made efforts toward retention of its current member.

**Nominations are made to the Membership Committee Chair, verified by BIG National Office, and forwarded to the RXI 2nd VP for final selection. This award is procured by the Membership Committee, and presented annually. Computations are made by the National Office.**

## **8. RXI Most Improved Chapter Award (Chapter Award):**

This award is awarded to the chapter that has shown remarkable improvements throughout the year. Specific areas of improvement include, but are not limited to, overcoming membership vacancies, restructuring leadership roles, establishing relationships with managers, participation in the development of initiatives for young professionals, and current submission of required documents/reports to the RXIC.

**Nominations are taken from members of the RXI Executive Committee for final selection. This award is procured by the Awards Committee and presented annually.**

## **AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Persons interested in nominating a chapter, an individual, or themselves, for an award should complete this form with no more than a 12-point font two (2) page narrative, obtain the signature of the Chapter president or their designee, and submit to Awards Committee by email to [RXIAWARDS@gmail.com](mailto:RXIAWARDS@gmail.com)

**NO LATER THAN 11:59PM EST, Friday, October 20, 2017.** Chapter President or Designee **MUST** sign the Nomination Form.

In the email subject line to the awards committee, please place the name of the award and the name of the nominee in the subject line, for example:

**To:** [RXIAWARDS@gmail.com](mailto:RXIAWARDS@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Council Involvement Award – Name of Nominee

Name of Award \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Chapter President/Designee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please furnish a brief summary of the nominee's background, using the selection criteria as a guide, and state the reasons why this person should receive the award.

**\*\*Note: No more than two 12-point font typed pages\*\***