

2023 Recognition Directions for Coordinators

The International MOMS Club gives recognition awards to our outstanding chapters. We want our chapters to know that we appreciate that they are doing something great.

A self-nominating option is available for each chapter within the Financial Reports. We invite all chapters to self-nominate themselves for anything they feel they have done particularly well.

In addition to the self-nominations, **we ask all Coordinators to nominate any chapters they feel are deserving of recognition.** So, as you look through the Annual Reports, keep in mind which chapters have been truly spectacular, so you can nominate them for recognition, AND keep in mind what a chapter may have self-nominated themselves for, so you can decide if they deserve the recognition or not. If they self-nominated themselves for an award you do not think they deserve, you do not have to approve giving them that award.

All chapters that helped form sister groups (by registering the new chapter or by actively supporting the new chapter) will receive Spirit Awards from International. Also, all chapters that have contributed to the Mother-to-Mother Fund in the last year receive special recognition from International.

When you are looking through the Annual Reports, check the section that asks about sistering, just in case we might have missed their participation. If a new group founder did not mention that another chapter helped her, we may not be aware of it.

For other ideas of recognition, when you look through the reports, remember that we are willing to recognize ANY chapter that has done something particularly well. Each chapter should have something to be proud of, so look for their strengths. There should be something outstanding in every group, but if a chapter truly has not done anything outstanding, do not nominate them for an award.

International MOMS Club's highest awards are Outstanding Overall Chapter and Outstanding New Chapter

Chapters that are older than one year are eligible for "Outstanding Overall Chapter," while chapters that are younger than one year are eligible for "Outstanding New Chapter." The criteria are the same for both, but the older chapters are held to a higher standard than the younger ones.

Here are the criteria for Outstanding Overall Chapter and Outstanding New Chapter Awards. Chapters must do an excellent job in ALL categories:

- **Did they follow the Bylaws?** Outstanding chapters follow the Bylaws and all MOMS Club guidelines.
- **Did they run a well-rounded program for their members?** Speakers, discussions, a well-run children's room, a variety of outings, playgroups, other activity groups, service projects, family parties (costing the chapter less than 15% of the dues received) -- these are all taken into consideration. A chapter that has lots of activities for its mothers-of-infants, but nothing for the mothers of older children (or vice versa) would not be offering a well-rounded program.
- **Did they communicate with their Coordinator?** Did they send in their newsletter or email update EVERY MONTH? Were they cooperative? A chapter MUST communicate often and positively with their Coordinator to receive this award.
- **Did they support the International MOMS Club?** Outstanding chapters should support International by doing all of these:
 - ✓ **Buying Membership Pins or MOMS Club merchandise** (all Outstanding chapters give their members pins);
 - ✓ **Forming sister chapters;**
 - ✓ **Donating to the Mother-to-Mother Fund and/or Sustaining Chapter;**
 - ✓ **Participating in Conference events** (Only applies if your Conference held Board Workshops or Luncheons this past year)