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Nominations open for David Bland Memorial Award

Five years ago, in 2005, David Bland, a vocational rehabilitation counsellor and HSA member from Richmond Mental Health, was murdered at his workplace by a former client. His tragic death served as a sombre reminder that more needs to be done to prevent incidents of violence in the workplace and to protect health care and social services workers on the job.


To honour David, the HSA board of directors established the David Bland Memorial Award, which recognizes HSA members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of occupational health and safety and who have made a meaningful difference in the lives of their fellow HSA members. Past recipients of the award are listed on HSA's website at [www.hsabc.org/Resources/Health and Safety/David Bland Memorial Award](http://www.hsabc.org/Resources/Health%20and%20Safety/David%20Bland%20Memorial%20Award).

Do you know a current HSA member who has:

- demonstrated leadership in the area of occupational health and safety,
- served as an effective role model and advocate for other HSA members at their facility with respect to occupational health and safety issues, and
- taken initiative on a specific local issue in order to improve the health and safety of other HSA members at their workplace?

If so, please complete the attached application form and return it to Marty Lovick at the HSA office by **Sunday, February 28, 2010**.

Nominations will be reviewed by HSA's Occupational Health and Safety Committee; and this year's award recipient will be announced at HSA's 2010 Annual Convention in April.

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DAVID BLAND MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Do you know a current HSA member who has:

- demonstrated leadership in the area of occupational health and safety,
- served as an effective role model and advocate for other HSA members in their Chapter with respect to occupational health and safety issues, and
- taken initiative on a specific local issue in order to improve the health and safety of other HSA members at their workplace?

The David Bland Memorial Award was established by the HSA board of directors to honour David Bland, a vocational rehabilitation counsellor and HSA member who was murdered at his workplace in 2005. The award will be given annually to an HSA member who meets the criteria described above and is nominated by at least two other HSA members from the same chapter. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of the Board and will be announced at Convention.

To nominate an HSA member, please complete the information below and attach any additional information you think is relevant.

MEMBER TO BE NOMINATED:

(please print)

Name: _____

Discipline: _____

Facility: _____

Phone number (H): _____ (W) _____

Reason(s) for nominating this member (please provide as much detail as possible – attachments are welcome):

1. Nominated by: _____ Signature: _____

2. Nominated by: _____ Signature: _____

Please return to Marty Lovick @ the HSA office no later than the last day of February.

HSA is committed to using the personal information we collect in accordance with applicable privacy legislation. By completing this form you are consenting to have the HSA use the submitted information for the purposes of conducting our representational duties as a union, and in providing services to our members.