



AANA Awards Descriptions

J. Whit Ewing Resident/Fellow Essay Award – The highest overall paper submitted by a resident/fellow.

Richard O'Connor Research Award – The highest scoring paper.

Patellofemoral Anatomy in Research Excellence Award – The highest scoring paper on Patellofemoral. (This award should be presented by the Patellofemoral Foundation Chair and Research Committee Chair).

Stephen J. Snyder Teaching Award – This Award is to recognize “unsung teachers who are in the trenches” working for the Association with little or no recognition doing what we do best “educating members and nonmembers with the goal of improving our skills and knowledge so we can provide the best care for our patients.”

Several criteria were outlined to allow the selection process to filter the candidates to a manageable number. Those considered would not be:

- Current or former AANA Board Members
- A “premier podium presence” (e.g. frequent Master Instructors, major names)
- Exclude former Snyder Award winners

Stephen S. Burkhart, M.D. Shoulder Innovation Research Award Paper – Top overall shoulder paper award.

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Active Member for 15+ years
- May not be a current member of the AANA Board of Directors or the Education Foundation Board of Trustees
- Ongoing commitment to AANA and arthroscopy in the following areas:
 - **Education** – leadership role in the delivery of education in AANA and other national, specialty and state societies. Examples include: course directors/chairs, course faculty, scientific paper presenters, lab instructors and moderators.
 - **Service** – participation on the AANA Board of Directors as well as other leadership positions with other national, specialty and state societies.
 - **Advocacy** – provide ongoing support of the AANA Education Foundation and the AAOS PAC. Actively participate and support advocacy initiatives.
 - **Publications and Research** - authoring, editing or reviewing publications for AANA, Specialty, State and Regional Societies and other national medical organizations; participating in peer-reviewed orthopaedic journals as unpaid editor, author or reviewer; conducting original research for other national medical organizations.

Distinguished Service Award – Bestowed discretion of the President upon AANA members for exceptional service leading an initiative or project for the association, orthopedic community, or the community at large.