

11. Motion for STAN to be in control of the NaSTA Fellowship

Proposer: Daniel Orton, Chair, Student Television Alumni Network

Seconded: Avneet Chauhan, Chair, NaSTA Executive Committee

This Association notes:

Currently the NaSTA Fellowship is awarded by the NaSTA Exec to “an individual whom has provided significant support to NaSTA, Stations (NaSTA membership), NaSTA Exec, and / or the NaSTA community past and present.”

This Association also notes:

Potential recipients of the NaSTA Fellowship can be nominated by any member of NaSTA between 1 December and 30 January. Nominations are submitted to the NaSTA Exec.

This Association believes:

There is currently nothing in the NaSTA constitution or policy documents regarding the NaSTA Fellowship, which in part may be due to the circumstances surrounding its creation, i.e. to find some tangible way of recognising the contribution of a long serving NaSTA volunteer.

The NaSTA Exec has enough on its plate without also having to sift through a potentially large number of submissions each year, and leaves itself open to charges of cronyism.

The NaSTA Fellowship is a good idea, and should be taken more seriously as a prestigious honour.

This Association also believes:

Not enough of the NaSTA community knows about this time period in which they can nominate individuals

This Association resolves:

It would make more sense if the Student Television Alumni Network (STAN) trustees took over the awarding of the NaSTA Fellowship, to ease the burden on the NaSTA Exec, to provide a completely objective panel of judges, and to help cement STAN's position within the student television community.

This Association mandates:

The NaSTA Fellowship will be awarded by STAN trustees, on the night of the NaSTA Awards ceremony.

This Association also mandates:

Nominations will be submitted all year round, though any submitted after 1 March will not be eligible for recognition until the following year's NaSTA Awards and Conference weekend.