1. **Purpose:**

The International Association of Women Police will acknowledge, chronicle, and pay tribute and gratitude for outstanding and dedicated service to the IAWP over a period of years and especially during milestones of the organization. The IAWP Heritage Award will commemorate those who represent the legacy of the IAWP, the historical memory of an organization that continues to grow. By virtue of participating in its history and having a resolve that the organization evolve, these leaders confront core goals and serve as tangible evidence the honor it is to serve the IAWP.

2. **Objectives**

2.1 To recognize substantial and significant contributions to women police and the International Association of Women Police.

2.2 To ensure the recording and recognition of, and appreciation for, outstanding and dedicated service to IAWP over a period of years and especially during milestones of the organization.

3. **Procedures:**

3.1. Candidate must have been a member of IAWP at the time of the contribution.

3.2. Candidate must have fulfilled at least one of the objectives.

3.3. The IAWP Board of Trustees shall serve as the Heritage Award Committee.

3.4. The Committee shall promote the objectives and recommend to the Board of Directors via the President a candidate to receive the award.

3.5. The President shall be authorized by the Board to approve or disapprove a recommendation from the Committee. The President may choose to allow the Board of Directors to vote at the early Board of Directors meeting on the recommended candidate for that year.

3.6. The Heritage Award shall be presented each year at the annual IAWP Conference, unless no suitable candidate has been specifically determined for that year.

3.7. The conference fees of the Heritage Award recipient shall be considered a conference expense. For accounting purposes, the Conference Director shall assess the value of the conference fees at the lowest rate offered, or equivalent to the Board rate.

3.8. The Chair shall publish an article in the conference issue of the official publication highlighting the Heritage Award recipient, to include photo, name, title, department, and listing of her contributions.

3.9. The Chair shall make arrangements for purchase of the award.

3.10 Total cost of award shall not exceed $250.00 without approval of the Treasurer.
3.11 The Chair shall submit a report to the Board of Directors for the late Board meeting, which shall include a full detailed financial report and accounting of all expenses incurred during the selection process and for purchase of the award.

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