

ARTICLE X

Awards

Sam T. Barfield Award for Excellence Award

At the annual association meeting, the Executive Board may award the *Sam T. Barfield Award for Excellence*.

The recipient of the award shall be a Commissioner of the Revenue who meets **one or more** of the three requirements listed below:

1. Has demonstrated an achievement or excellence during the current year that could enhance the operations of other Commissioners' offices.
2. Has unselfishly given their time by working on behalf of the Association.
3. Has contributed to the professionalism of the Association over a long period of time.

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STB letter #1

Dear President Tommy,

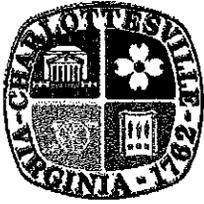
Each year our association selects a Commissioner for the Sam T. Barfield award, an honor that represents not only service to the association, but also defines what a Commissioner is to our members, and to their locality.

This year we have the opportunity to honor someone who, not only serves as a model for a Commissioner of Revenue, but a true friend and public servant. For more than 35 YEARS, Sara Henderson has given of herself as a deputy, a commissioner, and now an officer to this body. To her locality, she has unselfishly served in civic organizations in many capacities, and her office is an oasis for her taxpayers at Income tax time. As our Treasurer, she had to face the Internal Revenue Service in an audit of our association just a few years ago, and handled it with tact and professionalism. Mr. Barfield knew Sara, and I believe he would be pleased to have her receive this award.

I am of the opinion that Sara has meet and exceeded all the requirements that we list as a recipient of the Sam T. Barfield award, and it is my hope that the members of the Executive Committee concur.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Gillie



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STB letter #2

July 28, 2020

Honorable Thomas M. Blackwell, MCR
President, CRAV
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Dear President Blackwell,

Please accept this nomination of Honorable Sara Henderson of Appomattox County for the 2020 Sam T. Barfield Award of Excellence. Sara is truly an unsung hero of this association who rarely gets the recognition she deserves - though I doubt she would ever complain.

Sara has faithfully served this association for years as Treasurer, maintaining all financial records and preparing filings as required. She successfully navigated an IRS audit in 2017-2018 for which the Association is immensely grateful.

Sara diligently undertakes what some would consider the mundane chores of managing the Association's funds and reconciling the bank account every month. She periodically reviews our assets, and makes recommendations on banking decisions. These are tasks that many of us take for granted, but if left undone would severely hamper this Association's ability to realize its goals.

As presented on the front page of our website, our Association's mission statement reads as follows:

To demonstrate expertise and promote professionalism through the education of our membership, thereby ensuring the highest quality of services to our constituencies and stakeholders, and the development of strategic relationships to further our organizational goals.

Without people like Sara Henderson, we could not achieve that mission.

It is my understanding that the recipient of the Sam T. Barfield Award for Excellence should demonstrate the following qualities:

1. He or she has demonstrated an achievement or excellence during the current year that could enhance the operations of other Commissioners' offices;
2. He or she has unselfishly given their time by working on behalf of the Association;
3. He or she has contributed to the professionalism of the Association over a long period of time.

I submit that we would be hard-pressed to find a recipient who exemplifies these qualities more than Sara Henderson, and it is for these reasons that I believe Sara should be recognized with the Sam T. Barfield Award for Excellence in 2020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd D. Divers



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STB letter #3

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August 7, 2020

The Honorable Thomas M. Blackwell
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Dear President Tommy,

I would like to nominate Sara R. Henderson for the *2020 Sam T. Barfield Award for Excellence*. I feel she meets and exceeds all three requirements for this distinguished award. She has also been in our association long enough to have actually known Mr. Barfield and how he made positive changes for all commissioners throughout the State of Virginia.

I first met The Honorable Sara R. Henderson in 1985 working at the registration table at the Annual Conference handing out the heaviest three ring binders that were directories for our association and collecting dues. Sara was a deputy at the time, but was assisting the Honorable Monte Mays, Commissioner of the Revenue, who was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association that year.

Sara R. Henderson has served the citizens of Appomattox County for over 37 years. She was appointed Deputy in 1983 and became Commissioner in 2008. She unselfishly gives of her time to the association by serving as Treasurer and keeps our finances in good standing. She has served in this capacity for the past 8 years. Sara presents accurate accounting of our funds to the Executive Board and assists the President each year with the budget. She has served on numerous committees over the years and is an advocate for the Commissioners Association and Appomattox County at the General Assembly.

It is my desire, that the distinguished members of the Executive Board would consider our friend and colleague, The Honorable Sara R. Henderson as the recipient of the *2020 Sam T. Barfield Award for Excellence*.

Very truly yours,

Brenda B. Rickman

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Commissioner of the Revenue