

# 2024 AENJ DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS

Distinguished Fellows: This lifetime fellowship is designed to honor AENJ members who have exemplified a professional lifetime of achievement in leadership, scholarship, and service to AENJ and the field of visual art education. Being named a Distinguished Fellow is viewed as a means to honor art educators for exceptional professional service.

This title/position provides an avenue for a fellow to continue to participate and contribute to the workings of the AENJ.

The Executive Board selected the initial five charter members in October 1996\*. Additional members are selected from a list of qualified nominees. (The total number of active AENJ Distinguished Fellows is not to exceed 2% of the AENJ membership).

## Distinguished Fellows Responsibilities

Upon invitation, AENJ Distinguished Fellow's Responsibilities are:

- Provide motivation and guidance for emerging leaders, including members of the AENJ board and membership;
- Promote and actively assist in upholding AENJ's positive public image and reputation;
- Contribute to conference/events in various capacities addressing issues and concerns as needed.

## Distinguished Fellows Prospective Responsibilities

Additionally, Distinguished Fellows Responsibilities may also include:

- Provide advisement related to policy, history, mission and vision of AENJ;
- Serve as an AENJ representative on committees for affiliated organizations;
- Serve on AENJ committees;
- Attend AENJ Board meetings as an observer upon invitation;
- Contribute to AENJ publications such as ArtBeat AENJ's magazine.

*\*Charter members: George DiBouno, Rick Lasher, David Mackey, Gloria Pappalardo, and Elaine Raichle+  
+Deceased.*

## A. Criteria for Membership:

1. Candidate must have demonstrated a minimum of ten years of exemplary and continued involvement, leadership, scholarship, and professional service to AENJ.
2. Candidate must be a current member in good standing of the National Art Education Association.
3. Total Fellows membership shall not exceed 2% of the AENJ total membership.

## B. Nominations Procedure

*Candidate Submission must include:*

- Distinguished Fellows nomination form completed according to criteria listed
  - Two letters of Support written by Distinguished Fellows
  - Completed [Nomination Packet](#) (linked on the website)
    - Nomination packet link:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY2JTDLiySQfVMloEKUdRAPEa6tiTHMyFg1IcyTavbvmZVqQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY2JTDLiySQfVMloEKUdRAPEa6tiTHMyFg1IcyTavbvmZVqQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Distinguished Fellow Responsibility:

The Distinguished Fellows Chair and Committee vote on nominee selection. The nominee recommendation is presented to the AENJ Board of Directors for ratification/vote.\*

*\*AENJ Board may express any questions or concerns regarding candidate selection shall be expressed to the Distinguished Fellow Chair and committee.*

## Emeritus Status:

When a Distinguished member of the Fellows decides that they are unable to continue active participation, they shall be designated; "Emeritus" and excused from active participation. "Emeritus" status Distinguished Fellows shall not be counted in the 2% membership percentage.