

**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR BOTH T. T. RIDER AND
THE CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS MAY
BE SUBMITTED BY EITHER THE COMPONENT SOCIETY OR
BY AN INDIVIDUAL MDA MEMBER WITH TWO MDA MEMBER CO-SIGNERS.**

**T. T. RIDER AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE PROFESSION
AND
TO THE COMMUNITY**

In 1967, the Montana Dental Association established an award to be presented to MDA members who have "**rendered outstanding service to the profession and to their community.**" The first recipient of the award, given at the 1969 Annual Meeting, was Dr. Thomas Thiel Rider of Missoula. It was determined that the award would be presented in his name in following years.

The Component Societies of the Montana Dental Association and member dentists are asked to forward the names of nominees for the T.T. Rider Award to the MDA office **by March 27, 2009.** The Executive Committee for final selection will review the nominees.

In 1987, the Fifth District Dental Society proposed the establishment of an award "**to promote continuing dental education and clinical excellence in Montana dentistry.**"

The guidelines for nominations for the Clinical Excellence Award are as follows:

- Candidates should be in practice for a minimum of fifteen (15) years;
- Candidates should have an established reputation for excellence in clinical skills;
- Candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to Continuing Dental Education, evidenced by CE involvement, teaching, publishing, clinical work, or other related activities.

**CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD
TO PROMOTE
CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION
AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE
IN MONTANA DENTISTRY**

The Component Societies of the Montana Dental Association and member dentists are asked to forward the names of nominees for the Clinical Excellence Award to the MDA Office **by March 19, 2010.** The Selection Committee will review the nominations. If your component chooses to submit a nominee for the Clinical Excellence Award, please complete the enclosed nomination form and provide appropriate additional data.

If your component, or a member of your component, chooses to submit a nomination, please take the time to prepare an adequate resume and nomination packet. The candidates deserve your attention in this regard.