

Nick Perren Foundation-PASA Lifetime Achievement Award

Honouring outstanding service and accomplishment spanning a career in the publishing industry and associated fields in South Africa

The Publishers' Association of South Africa (PASA) and the Nick Perren Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award honour individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to publishing in South Africa. PASA was established in 1994 and it is the largest and oldest industry body in South Africa with more than 124 members. It represents book and journal publishers in South Africa in the field of non-fiction, fiction, education, academic and trade publishing. PASA's membership comprises the vast majority of South African publishing houses, for-profit and non-profit, university presses, small and medium-sized companies and multinational publishing enterprises. It is committed to creativity, literacy development, and the exchange of ideas and encourages a culture of reading. It also promotes the free flow of information. The Lifetime Achievement Award is in memory of Nick Perren. He was born in Nyeri Kenya and published extensively in Africa through John Murray Publishers. He also published extensively in Europe through John Murray in London and Il Saggiatore in Milan. He was the Chairman of Profile Books, Chairman of Laurence King and non-executive director of Waterstones. Nick also served as the United Kingdom Publishers Association representative to the International Publishers Association (IPA) and the Federation of European Publishers (FEP).

Eligibility

The nominee must:

- (1) be a present or former publisher or senior staff member of a South African publishing company, an academic working in the field of Publishing Studies or someone working in an associated field within the broader publishing industry e.g. literacy development
- (2) have spent a significant part of his or her career working in South Africa
- (3) be nominated by someone other than themselves

The nominator must:

- (1) be a current or former member of the publishing industry or have worked in the field of publishing studies or within an associated field with the publishing industry

Criteria

The goal of this award is to recognise a track record of excellence and service to the publishing industry and associated fields in South Africa. The nominee should have made a sustained and outstanding contribution to the industry over an extended period of many years in any of the key areas of publishing and across all sectors represented by PASA.

Considerations will include:

- Outstanding impact and influence on the industry
- Extended service to the industry and associated fields over and above institutional employment requirements
- Development of colleagues and members of the industry and associated fields through leadership, guidance, encouragement, mentoring and training.

In general, the award is aimed at recognising an extraordinary career rather than simply long service.

Procedure

1. All nominations must be submitted to the PASA office six weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. All nominations should be accompanied by a short CV (no more than 400 words) which demonstrates the eligibility and worthiness of the nominee.
3. A nomination should be endorsed by a seconder in order to ensure the eligibility requirements are agreed upon and met.
4. A committee comprising two members of the PASA Executive Committee (Exco) and three members of the Nick Perren Foundation (NPF) will consider all nominations and determine whether any of the nominations are suitable. Insofar as it is possible selection will be based on consensus. If consensus cannot be reached a vote will be held with a simple majority prevailing. The committee reserves the right not to make any award should it be determined that none of the nominees meets the criteria outlined above.
5. Only one lifetime achievement award may be made per year.
6. Unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted.
7. The award will be made at the PASA AGM.
8. Although this award is administered by PASA, it is open to anyone in the industry regardless of their membership or affiliation to PASA.