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## 2019 Winner: Michael Griffel

### Roger Frichette Excellence in Service Award

Dear Selection Committee for the Roger Frichette Award,

It may be difficult for me to write this nomination without disclosing who this person is, but I will do my level best to provide the detail necessary without revealing the name of the person. For the purpose of anonymity, I will use “this person”, “their”, and “they” as pronouns.

The person I am nominating for the Roger Frichette Excellence in Service Award is someone who has been active, mostly in ACUHO-I, but is doing so by representing the NWACUHO region. This person has served on committees, boards, presented programs at conferences, and is currently serving as a member of the executive board at the ACUHO-I level. What stands out to me about this person and their amazing service to NWACUHO is their enthusiasm and support of the NWACUHO region. While this person has not been involved in a specific leadership role with NWACUHO, this person has presented countless programs at regional conferences and has encouraged and supported staff from their university to attend conferences, present at conferences, and engage in other NWACUHO sponsored events. This person has also supported their staff’s involvement in leadership roles either on the board of directors or through committee work in the NWACUHO region. This person is an advocate for professional development and regards NWACUHO as the primary professional development organization for their staff at all levels.

Furthermore, I have found this person to be one of the most outstanding role models in terms of their commitment to the importance of senior level housing officers providing a presence at the regional conference. There have been numerous times where this person has made a point in senior level housing meetings and gatherings where they have discussed the significance of Senior Housing Officers (SHOs) at the NWACUHO conference. In those discussions, this person has made it clear the benefit and impact the SHOs’ presence has on entry and mid-level professionals as role models, as consultants, as advocates for professional development, and to show that learning in our field is never completed.

I cannot think of a more deserving individual for the Roger Frichette Service Award. This person epitomizes who Roger Frichette was to our region in the early years, selfless, humble, supportive, committed to our profession, strong leader, and one of the most positive people I know. I encourage you to give your full consideration to this individual for the Roger Frichette Service Award.

Sincerely,

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