

# Faculty Commission Report

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- The Faculty Commission presentation at Annual Conference will feature a teaching presentation by Ameer Mehta, our Current Professor of the Year. After the teaching Demonstration she will be awarded a plaque for Professor of the Year. Dr. Laila Nimri and Professor Ash Bruning will each receive an award for Distinguished Professor. Following the awards presentation, The three award winning professors, Vice Chair Lori Bufka, and Chair Jean Scheppers will host a discussion on “Preparing your Nomination and Teaching Presentation for Professor of the Year.”
- The Board of the Faculty Commission has voted to host the Faculty Commission Spring Conference in conjunction with the CMC/FPRA Joint Seminar at College of Central Florida on April first. We will be in the same area on the same campus, but will have a separate conference. As for planning, we will be discussing our conference goals, and outlining a basic plan for the conference at our Faculty Commission meeting at Annual Conference this week.
- In consultation with Vice-Chair Lori Bufka, and the Faculty Commission Board, we have decided to give “Distinguished Professor” awards to those who won in previous years, but were not formally awarded this title. We are also currently recommending an award certificate for Outstanding Professor for all future POY candidates who are selected to present in the semifinals in the spring. This decision will be made at our next meeting.
- The Faculty Commission has created a Faculty Spotlight, a monthly or bimonthly publication of photo and bio of an AFC Faculty Commission Member on FB, Twitter, etc. The submissions for the Spotlight can be self submitted, and we will send an email blast to all members of the Faculty Commission requesting submission. We currently have several former POY winners and runners up preparing submissions.
- We are planning to put out a Faculty Commission newsletter, first issue to come out after Annual Conference, and before the subsequent AFC board meeting. The newsletter will include Faculty Spotlights, Faculty related news from around the state and an opinion/article section for faculty commentary on educational topics.
- Bylaws are currently under consideration for approval without changes, and revisions will be considered over the coming year/as necessary.
- After numerous interviews with faculty about “what convinces you to attend a professional development conference”. We have determined the following: Number one answer, “It is specific to my field.” Number two answer, “there is a panel of heavy hitters (well-known researchers in the field) to see, and ask questions of. As we look forward to the next Teaching and Learning Conference, dates TBD, we will continue to work toward creating a valuable conference for Faculty in our State.