



## Awards Committee

- CHAIR:** Sandra Nance, MS,MT(ASCP)SBB,Federico Rodriguez, MLS(ASCP)SBB
- PURPOSE:** To annually recommend a slate of recipients for all AABB awards to the AABB Board for approval that recognizes outstanding individuals, organizations, cohorts, etc. in the field of blood and biotherapies and to continually evaluate and improve upon AABB’s awards program to ensure its proper functioning and alignment with AABB’s values of respect, inclusion, support and engagement.
- CHARGES:** Long-term Committee Charges (to be performed on the Annual Basis):
1. Serve as the overseeing body for all awards-related AABB activities and provide recommendations to AABB Board of Directors.
  2. As part of the annual awards selection process, collaborate with AABB community and other awards selection committees (if kept) to generate a sufficient, diverse and inclusive slate of awards recipients. Evaluate the final slate of all awards nominees before it is sent to the AABB Board for approval to ensure that the list is representative of AABB’s talented and diverse membership and recognizes advancements in blood and biotherapies.
  3. Regularly review the standard scoring rubric for use to evaluate all awards candidates and ensure that the existing evaluation metrics continue to remain relevant to the field and to the AABB awards program.
  4. On an as-needed basis, identify and introduce new awards categories that are reflective of the advancing field and growing AABB community at all professional levels.

### Current Personnel as of June 28, 2026

Name	Roles
<b>Chair</b>	
Sandra Nance, MS,MT(ASCP)SBB	
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**Time Commitment:** To learn about the time commitments for this committee, please contact the staff liaison listed in the roster above.