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To BCAA President Patricia Pogue:

Re: Award of Excellence Nomination for Beverley Hawkins

I am submitting my nomination of Beverley Hawkins for consideration as this year's recipient of the BCAA Award of Excellence. Ms. Hawkins has been involved in local, national and international aromatherapy activities since the mid 1990's. She formed the first aromatherapy association on Vancouver Island in the mid 1990's, which later became the BC Association of Practicing Aromatherapists (BCAPA). Her tenure as President of the BCAPA saw an increase in the number of quality continuing education opportunities offered in this province. She was instrumental in originally forging the professional ties between the BCAPA and international aromatherapy speakers such as Rhiannon Harris, Farida Irani, Jennifer Jeffries, Gabrielle Mojay and John Steele. These are connections that the BCAPA continues to benefit from.

Ms. Hawkins also worked with the BC Alliance Of Aromatherapy (BCAA). Her participation on the BCAA Board for 11 years was vital in the progress made in establishing educational and practice standards, obtaining legal status and trademark for several Title Designations and general support of the organizational activities of the Association.

Her own businesses have always promoted and provided educational training in professional aromatherapy either through classroom settings or correspondence courses. Her West Coast Institute of Aromatherapy is coming up to its 14th year in operation. Her students and graduates are found around the world. She still maintains an active aromatherapy practice outside of her College activities.

Considering everything that she has accomplished and continues to do for Aromatherapy, I believe she exemplifies what the Award of Excellence is meant to be. For these reasons, I believe that Beverley Hawkins deserves to receive this year's BCAA Award of Excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

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