



collaboration ★ transformation ★ creativity ★ impact

INNOVATION

2024

THE WALLACE L. RUECKEL INNOVATION AWARD

Innovation: the introduction of something new; a new idea, method, custom or device; to make changes to do something in a new way

Nominations must be received
no later than

**June 1, 2024
11:59PM PACIFIC**

QUESTIONS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the CWRT Congress is to provide new and existing Civil War Round Tables with time-tested tools to help them to remain or become sustainable.

AWARD CRITERIA

The CWRT Congress Innovation Award recognizes a CWRT for creative, effective, and inventive programs that provide value to their members. The program achieves measurable results and utilizes a variety of resources and partnerships within and outside the community, adapting to the changing conditions to meet critical objectives.

The program increases the capacity of the community to work collaboratively to improve existing services, service delivery and leadership.

The award recipient exhibits these key characteristics:

★ IMPACT

Eliminate the root causes that perpetuate languishing membership and leadership voids while creating pathways to lasting change.

★ COLLABORATION

Forge and strengthen partnerships, effectively leverage resources, within and outside of the nonprofit community.

★ TRANSFORMATION

Inspire and implement change in organizational culture and continued adaptation to meet the changing conditions and needs of members.

★ CREATIVITY

Take an inventive approach toward impacting structural change.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Innovation Award nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Have current or applied for tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)3
- May not discriminate against anyone because of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical and/or mental disability
- SUBMIT TO: jbamberl@aol.com

NOMINATION FORMAT

Nominations must be submitted using the fillable Submission PDF that includes the following areas:

- CWRT IDENTITY
 - CWRT Name & Address
 - Email & telephone number of president (or primary leader)
 - Number of members
 - Legal status
- ANSWER THE FOLLOWING
 - List your top three (3) CWRT innovations of the last two years.
 - Explain the impetus for undertaking the innovations.
 - What is the shared vision around which supporters rallied?
 - How was critical mass achieved in support of change(s)?

IMPACT – What impact did each of the innovations listed have on the CWRT members, the local community, and/or others? Which impacts were unexpected?

COLLABORATION – With which organizations did your CWRT collaborate and leverage resources? Tell us how the relationship began, how it changed over time, and future of the relationship.

TRANSFORMATION – Tell us how innovations inspired changes in the organizational culture, the attitude of members, and the outlook.

CREATIVITY – What innovation is the CWRT most proud and why?