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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chief Executive Officers, Member Hospitals and Health Systems

FROM: Kenneth C. Robbins, President

SUBJECT: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, 2009 IHA AWARDS**
DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 12, 2009

Each year IHA honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Association, to the health care delivery system, and to the welfare of Illinois communities.

Again this year, we invite you to help the Nominating Committee identify those of your colleagues who deserve special recognition for their achievements. Please take a moment to consider people you know who may meet the criteria for the following awards:

Excellence in Service Award

This award may be given each year to one or more individuals who have consistently demonstrated their loyalty to the Association by contributing their time, talents, and leadership, and whose efforts may have been previously unrecognized. Executives, board members, and volunteers of IHA member institutions are eligible for nomination. Current IHA Board members and chairman officers are not eligible.

Excellence in Public Service Award

Nominees must be legislators or other public officials who have demonstrated their ongoing commitment to the health and welfare of the public by consistently initiating and supporting measures that improve the quality and delivery of health services.

Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes persons who have made major contributions to health care delivery, health education, or other services that improve the health of Illinoisans. Nominees do not have to be health care professionals.

It's easy to make a nomination for an IHA award. Simply write a brief letter to the Nominating Committee including (1) the name of the person, (2) his or her position, (3) the award for which the person is being nominated, and (4) the reasons you believe the person deserves the award. Mail or fax your nomination to Flora Albrecht, assistant to the president (fax: 630/276-5431), **no later than Friday, June 12**. Your nomination will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee, chaired by IHA Immediate Past Chairman James Skogsbergh, which will make the final decisions on award recipients. The awards will be presented on September 24 at the IHA Leadership Summit in Galena.

You can tell a lot about an organization by the kinds of people it holds in high esteem. Please help IHA identify and recognize Illinois health care leaders who set the standard for the kind of person we all aspire to be.