# The AAZK Barbara Manspeaker Chapter of the Year Award

The purpose of the American Association of Zoo Keepers Barbara Manspeaker Chapter of the Year award is to recognize AAZK Chapters in good standing with the Association for their dedication and commitment to conservation, AAZK and in conveying our conservation and education messages to the public. The award is presented at the annual AAZK National Conference.

#### Qualifications

* The Chapter must be a chartered member of the Association, in good standing.
* The Chapter shall be able to demonstrate by the completion of their re-charter materials, a commitment to conservation and/or wildlife education activities by detailing their involvement and level of commitment to stated activities.

#### Nomination Procedure

* Submission of AAZK Re-charter Materials by the published deadline of March 15.
* The eligibility of each Chapter to qualify for this award is enhanced by the Chapter’s support of the Association on the national level. Chapters that monetarily support the Association to the best of their ability and that consistently contribute to and support the programs of the Association such as Bowling for Rhinos (BFR) and Trees for You and Me (TFYM), or who consistently support exotic animal or habitat conservation programs, both locally and globally through AAZK Conservation Partnerships shall receive preference.
* Ed Hansen, AAZK CEO, will nominate the top 5 chapters based on recharter materials.
* These top chapters will receive an email notifying them of their nomination with a questionnaire attached that will need to be filled out and returned.

#### Selection Procedure

The Barbara Manspeaker AAZK Chapter of the Year Award shall initially be determined through re-charter materials by Ed Hansen, AAZK CEO. The top nominations will be sent to the AAZK Awards Committee. Chapters are then required to fill out a questionnaire and send it back to the awards committee who shall score each nomination and make a recommendation of award to the AAZK Board of Directors.