OBJECTIVE
To distinguish and recognize VASM physician member for their exemplary service and contribution to the field of sleep medicine.

NOMINATION PROCESS
1. Must be a VASM member in good standing for 1 year.
2. A supporting letter from the nominator that speaks to the following:
   1. Leadership participation in sleep
   2. An ambassador exemplifying the profession
   3. Demonstrated success in the profession
   4. Review of application by the Physician Award Committee.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
The award nominees will have distinguished themselves based on professional productivity and demonstrated leadership in the sleep medicine and/or sleep research fields that has been sustained over a long period of time. The nominees will have made outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas: original research; development and/or leadership of an enduring or effective program, organization or department; volunteering to lead and develop public and professional organizations; mentoring; teaching; policy initiatives and advocacy; additional activities that have clearly advanced sleep science, sleep medicine or the public health related to sleep; and other contributions the VASM board of directors may deem to be appropriate.

AWARD
- Congratulatory letter from the VASM President
- Complimentary VASM membership for the following year.
- Recognition and award presented at the VASM Annual Conference.
- Recognition on the VASM website.
- Complimentary VASM conference registration