**II. Rising Star Award**

The members of PCR realize that being new in a field of nursing presents some significant challenges. Breaking into a field and being successful is no easy task. There are however, outstanding new WOC Nurses who possess such a commitment to their new roles that they far exceed the expectations of their employers or colleagues within a very short time. These WOC Nurses are our future leaders. They are the "**Rising Stars**" of our organization. The PCR wishes to recognize the effort and dedication this entails with our "Rising Star Award".

**Criteria for Nomination:**

* Be in attendance at 1 regional meeting per calendar year.
* Hold certification as WOC Nurse and be an active member of the PCR, or at time of nomination, have graduated from a WOC Nurse Education program within 24 months.
* Perform at least 50% of their duties in direct patient care.
* The nominee must have completed **one** of the following nine achievements:
	1. Developed a formal educational offering for nursing staff or nursing colleagues
	2. Developed a professional poster presentation, accepted for display at any National Conference
	3. Written a research paper (not part of the WOC Education Program) or an article submitted for and accepted for publication in a professional journal, of which the Rising Star was the primary author
	4. Developed a program, materials or other project which positively elevates the healthcare community's awareness of and/or respect for WOC Nursing as a specialty
	5. Participates in a formal Clinical Product Trial for a manufacturer or research project for a colleague
	6. Developed, and managed an interdisciplinary team in the acute, sub-acute, long-term care, or home care environment for the management of wound, ostomy, and/or continence care
	7. Established or actively participates in a community-based support group for patients suffering from diseases or impairments secondary to our area of expertise
	8. Developed and promoted a community-oriented newsletter, web page or equivalent, for the promotion of well being of our target patient population.