



## **Term of Reference**

### **Distilled Spirits Aotearoa Outstanding Contribution Award**

#### **Purpose:**

To recognise and honour individuals for their outstanding service and contributions to the distilled spirits industry in New Zealand.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Nominees must have significantly contributed to raising awareness and improving the quality of the industry.
- Open to persons who are full paid members (commercial, pre-commercial and associate) of the DSA.

#### **Nominations:**

- Nominations can be submitted by any member of the DSA.
- Nominations must include a detailed description of the nominee's contributions and impact on the industry.
- Nominations must demonstrate that the nominee has:
  - Displayed a meaningful contribution which has elevated the distilling industry in New Zealand.
  - Acted in a way that has enabled the success of others in the industry.
  - Successfully advocated for the growth of the spirits category in NZ.
- Self-nominations are not permitted.
- The Board and conference committee will confer on nominations.

#### **Selection Process:**

- Nominations will be reviewed by the Distillers Conference Committee (or Awards Committee on the instructions of the Board).
- The committee will evaluate nominees based on their contributions to innovation, education, and advocacy within the industry.
- The committee will make a recommendation to the DSA Board.
- The DSA Board will have the final decision on the Award winner/s.
- Inductees will be selected by a majority vote of the DSA Board.

#### **Award Presentation:**

Inductees will be announced and honoured at the annual distillers conference, or any other event that the Board selects (annually).

A special segment will be dedicated to celebrating the winners achievements.

#### **Ethics and Conduct:**

Inductees must have maintained high ethical standards and demonstrated integrity throughout their career.

Any actions that bring disrepute to the industry or the DSA can lead to removal from the Outstanding Contribution Award.