**Outline of Issue**

**Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards**

**Suggested Motion for the GSA Council:**

That the GSA Council, on the unanimous recommendations of the GSA Governance Committee and GSA Board, **APPROVE** the recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, as shown in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council.

**Background:**

The GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC) reviewed and recommended this proposal to GSA Council via an email vote on 30 July 2019. The GSA Board also reviewed the proposal and made their own recommendation to GSA Council on 28 August 2019.

These recommended changes include clarification that the GSA Awards Selection Committee (GSA ASC) (rather than the GSA GC) should approve any recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy for sections related to the GSA Recognition Awards. Currently GSA Bylaw and Policy only indicates that the “GSA ASC will be consulted concerning any proposed changes to the number, selection criteria, names and value of GSA Recognition Awards” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Awards Selection Committee). Other recommended changes include moving some language related to the GSA Recognition Award adjudication process from GSA Board Policy into GSA Policy, and clarifying current practice in GSA Board Policy that all adjudicator files are confidential and adjudication decisions are final.

**Jurisdiction:**

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section A: Authority, GSA Bylaw, Authority, Section A.BYL.2.2

“GSA Policy is under the jurisdiction of GSA Council (Section C: GSA Council, GSA Bylaw, GSA Council) and may be amended by a simple majority vote of GSA Council at any meeting of GSA Council.”

Section F: Standing Committees, GSA Policy, Standing Committees, Section F.POL.4.2.a

The GSA GC will “advise GSA Council on matters of GSA Bylaw and Policy not in the purview of any other GSA Standing Committee, or other governance issues, and recommend changes to GSA Council.”