The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) shall have a Cronin Awards Committee with the structure, authority and duties described below.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
The Cronin Awards Committee shall work in support of NASPO’s strategic plan goal 3: Influence states and other stakeholders on public procurement issues and policies.

Specifically, the committee will recognize outstanding procurement initiatives and promote the adoption of these ideas throughout the states, through the George Cronin Awards for Procurement Excellence program.

COMPOSITION
The committee shall be comprised of individuals selected based on their interest and ability to contribute to the committee’s work.

LEADERSHIP
The chair shall be appointed by the NASPO President, and the vice chair shall be selected by the chair.

2019 Chair: Kelly Sanders, Ohio

BUDGET AUTHORITY
The committee shall have the authority to authorize expenditures related to its stated purpose up to the amount budgeted and approved by the NASPO Board of Directors.

MEETINGS
The committee shall meet as often as it determines, either in person or by telephone. The committee shall maintain written notes of meetings and provide reports to the Board of Directors as requested.

SPECIFIC DUTIES
The committee shall work within the approved budget, policies and general strategy established by the Board of Directors in performing these duties:

- Develop and carry out an action plan to support NASPO strategies and the committee purpose.
- Promote the Cronin Awards program and actively encourage submissions.
- Review state submissions in a timely fashion.
- Evaluate and score submissions in keeping with rules and requirements.
- Maintain the integrity of the Cronin Awards program by ensuring the submission requirements are followed and the selection process is fair and equitable to those submitting nominations.
- Seek out opportunities to enhance the Cronin Awards program and expand the visibility and recognition of award recipients.
- Review progress toward committee objectives and recommend process improvements.
- Recommend ways to enhance the visibility and prestige of the Cronin Awards.