

NOMINATION FORM

FISSEA EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please review the nomination information including the due date provided on the FISSEA website before completing the form.

Name of Nominee: Michael Petock

Employing Organization: ANG

Position and/or Title: Subject Matter Expert, Department of State, Information Assurance Branch

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Nominee's E-mail Address: ____

Qualifications Statement: (What has the nominee done to warrant this nomination?)

I nominate Michael Petock of ANG for FISSEA Educator of the Year: Mike Petock has provided exceptional subject matter expert (SME) support for the design, development and maintenance of several role-based training courses supporting the Department of State's information assurance (IA) training program. Implementing his vision in concert with customer feedback, he oversees, and completed revisions to six of the Department's core courses to include Cybersecurity Foundations for ISSOs, Cybersecurity Foundations for System Administrators, IA for Managers, IA for System Owners, IA for Executives and Software Assurance for Developers. This effort is essential to the contract supporting the Department's information assurance training program, as well as meeting accreditation standards. Though his efforts to incorporate the input of SMEs, instructors, a technical writer and a graphic artist, he was instrumental in accomplishing this deliverable through a defined and collaborative approach. His ability to research a plethora of publications, gather qualitative data through working group discussions and interviews, synthesize and interpret the data, and develop course solutions speaks to his organizational and leadership skills. Mike's detailed knowledge of cybersecurity principles, legislation and policies has enabled him to be a contributor to National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) publication updates, multiple Department Foreign Affairs Manual policy updates, revisions to the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies portal, and exercising due diligence with crosswalks between the Department's IA training objectives and the National Cybersecurity Workforce Framework. His adherence to Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy accreditation standards in the progression of course development has ensured the Department's IA courses meet standards and adhere to governing policies.

He has provided enhancements to the layout of course material in the classroom environment. In addition to his SME role, Mike is able to fill in as an instructor when mission demands require. His competency and expertise are hailed in monthly meetings of the Department's Cybersecurity Awareness, Training, Education, and Professionalism Working Group, chartered to provide guidance and recommendations to the Chief Information Security Officer. As a key technical advisor, Mike works steadfast to ensure the Department's information systems and the information that rides on these systems are protected through the regimen of training content he has developed. He understands the importance of stakeholder collaboration and consistently brings value to the training mission. Mike readily displays a panoply of cybersecurity knowledge, an understanding of the requirement to remain proficient in this field, and intuitive leadership skills valued by and implemented by team members. His ability to employ these talents and those of counterparts and stakeholders makes him an effective and innovative SME. He has also provided critical commentary and SME input to the Office of Personnel Management's Credentialing Pilot Working Group and the subsequent Cybersecurity Orientation Conferences. He is a frequent presenter at FISSEA. Acknowledgement as the FISSEA Educator of the Year should recognize his tireless efforts to oversee and implement the unglamorous course content development and maintenance process that results in an exceptional student experience in the classroom.

He has received no award compensation for these efforts.

Mike Riley7 February 2018(Person making this nomination)(Date)(Daytime Phone Number)

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