Unit of Distinction Points

1. All members are members of AASRA and the local unit.

2. Unit held a planning workshop/meeting for its officers and committee chairs prior to the first unit meeting of the year. Date________

3. Unit sent at least 1 member to the most recent state convention. Number of members sent_____. List the members sent______________________________________.

4. Unit reviewed its constitution and bylaws document, and if it had not been updated in the past five (5) years, updated it as needed. Indicate date of update.________

5. Unit has at least one member who holds a state office or is on a state committee, or has nominated a member to serve at the state level. List the member(s).

6. Unit held the required number of meetings based on the unit’s bylaws. Number of meetings required_______. Number of meetings held_______.

7. Unit executive board met a minimum of three (3) times during the year to prepare the year’s program and/or plan for general meetings.

8. Unit maintained a scrapbook or historical record of the Unit’s activities. Unit historian or member keeping record.____________________

9. Unit provided an opportunity at meetings for paying state and local dues in full or signing up for ADD (Automatic Dues Deduction).

10. Unit has published or updated and distributed a member directory either hard copy or electronic. Date of publication_______________.

11. Unit distributed a newsletter to members prior to two meetings, either hard copy or electronic. Dates of publication___________________.

12. Unit sponsored an interesting and challenging program on at least one community issue. Such as: health issues, identity theft, consumer education, child abuse, drug awareness, financial planning, medical issues, long-term care insurance, or a local community issue.

13. Unit successfully conducted a community service project. Date and type of project___________________.
14. Unit appointed local chairs for at least one of the following: Community Participation (Service), Health Advocacy, Membership, Retirement Planning & Legislation. Name the chair or chairs ____________________________.

15. Unit had a member who coordinated with the State Legislative Committee. Name the member. ____________________________

16. Unit established and used a telephone and or e-mail tree to alert members to legislative meetings and unit meetings.

17. Unit Members invited prospective members to join the local unit and AASRA...Describe efforts.

18. Based on March 1 membership, the unit increased state and local membership above the membership of the previous year.

19. Unit nominated a member for awards such as the AASRA Outreach Award or AASRA Meritorious Award, OR the unit recognized a member's outstanding service to his/her unit. List members ____________________________

20. Unit presented a scholarship or similar monetary student aid, or made a contribution to the AASRA Scholarship Foundation.

21. Unit publicized or participated in at least one AARP advocacy issue during the year. Such as lobbying by phone or e-mail, presenting a program on an AARP advocacy issue, participating at Senior Day or AASRA Day at the Capitol, etc.

This revised edition has 21 points.
20-21 Highest Distinction
18-19 Distinction
17 or below certificate for submission

Applications for Unit of Distinction Awards are Due by April 1