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Awards Committee Chair
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During our last Board conference call, we discussed the possibility of rewording and renaming one of the existing MPLA Awards in honor of Dan Chaney, Webmaster, photographer, social media expert, and all-around MPLA member, who passed away in December 2016. Because Dan gave so much of his time and expertise to MPLA and was such an integral part of the organization — and because his efforts as Webmaster were so important to the operation of MPLA — it seemed appropriate to remember him in some way that would be both enduring and would allow recognition of others who might, in some way, emulate Dan.

The following is a draft proposal to rename the Unsung Hero award in Dan's memory. The original text is first, followed by the proposed revision. Please feel free to suggest revisions or additions!

Original:

MPLA Unsung Hero Award: To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.

MPLA Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award: To be given to the library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have, over a period of time, consistently worked behind the scenes to create, administer, or support a library-related organization or a special project that has significance to a library or to the community, but which has not previously been recognized to the degree that it merits.