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Awards Committee Report  
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Committee Members: Presently, there is one opening on the Awards Committee. BJ Vinson has resigned.

Kaite sent a welcoming message to all committee members asking them to confirm email and mailing addresses, review committee bylaws and award nomination information.

Goals for 2003:

This year the Awards Committee will be concentrating on the following items:

1. Examination of the criteria of the MPLA Literary Contribution Award. The committee should consider whether or not authors of children's and young adult titles are eligible for this award OR should a separate MPLA Literary Award for children's and young adult authors be created.
2. Aggressive solicitation of nominations for the following awards: Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award, Legislative Leadership Award and the Intellectual Freedom Award.

Nominations:

There will be two calls for nominations this year. The first call will go out on February 1, 2003, the second call will go out on May 1. All nominations will be received by August 22, 2003. Decisions will be finalized by September 5 and the MPLA Executive Secretary will be notified by September 12.

Kaite has joined the library listservs for the following states: Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, and Colorado. This is a good way to keep on top of the movers and shakers in each state.