

Awards Committee Report
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Patricia Auflick (AZ-2003)
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Erin Kinney (KS-2003)
Gene Nelson (UT - 2004)

Committee Members: We have a member of the committee—Gene Nelson from Provo City Library.

Kaite had Dan Chaney update the Awards site with current nomination deadlines and a new call for nominations.

Kaite joined the Wyoming Library listserv to help keep up with notable events and people with an eye toward future nominations.

Nominations: Two calls for nominations went out this year one in February and one in June. The calls were printed in state newsletters, library system newsletters, posted to electronic newsletters, state listservs and MPLA-L and MPLA-EX. Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson included an article in the April 2003 MPLA Newsletter. The committee members all sent a call for nominations to their state library listservs.

Three nominations have already been received, one for the Exhibitor's Award and one for the Legislative Award. These awards were not given in 2002.

The Awards Committee has been lax about examining the criteria of the MPLA Literary Contribution Award. The committee was to 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. The deadline for this discussion is December 31, 2003 and we might make it yet. We'll certainly make an effort.