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Awards Committee  
Report to MPLA Board  
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**Agenda Item** – After careful consideration, the Awards Committee would like to request that the requirement for nominators to be members of MPLA be modified to allow members to be nominated by their peers that are not necessarily members of MPLA. See Table 1 below.

**Table 1 Changes to Requirements**

	<b>Nominator</b> MPLA Membership	<b>Nominee</b> MPLA Membership
<b>Carl Gaumer Library Champion</b>	Required	Not Required
<b>Literary Contribution</b>	Required	Not Required
<b>Distinguished Service</b>	Not Required	Required
<b>Beginning Professional</b>	Not Required	Required
<b>Innovator</b>	Not Required	Required
<b>Unsung Hero</b>	Not Required	Required

 Signifies change in requirements

Because members are somewhat spread out, this will give them a chance to be recognized for their accomplishments and contributions when they are the only MPLA in their library.

### Current Activity

**Online Nomination Form** – The online nomination form has been completed and is available at <http://mpla.us/forms/awardsnom.html>. Deadline for nominations is August 1, 2012.

**Direct Marketing** – Each month the Awards Committee will be sending out an email reminder of the awards, highlighting one award in each email. An example email was sent on March 19.

The communications committee will take on the responsibility of getting the word out via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

The committee is continuing to compile a list of names and contact information for State Librarians, Library Directors, etc. and use it to request award nominations.

**Table 2**

	<b>Nominator</b> MPLA Membership	<b>Nominee</b> MPLA Membership
<b>Carl Gaumer Library Champion</b>	Required	Not Required
<b>Literary Contribution</b>	Required	Not Required
<b>Distinguished Service</b>	Not Required	Required
<b>Beginning Professional</b>	Not Required	Required
<b>Innovator</b>	Not Required	Required
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