

Awards Committee Report  
July 17, 2009  
Ellen Fockler, Chair

Awards Committee (as listed on MPLA website):

- Ahrberg, Janet (OK – 2012)
- Decker, Steve (UT – 2010)
- Hogue, Deborah (CO – 2010)
- Jones, Katie (WY - 2012)
- Kinikin, JaNae (UT – 2010)
- Neurohr, Karen (OK - 2012)
- Pflug, Oliver (MT – 2010)

Ex-officio: Wright, Eileen (MPLA President)

If there are any changes to this list that are not reflected on the website, I would appreciate your contacting me at [eafockler@gmail.com](mailto:eafockler@gmail.com).

Nominations for the Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award, the MPLA Beginning Professional Award, the MPLA Distinguished Service Award, the MPLA Literary Contribution Award, and the MPLA Unsung Hero Award will be solicited via email to members and MPLA State reps. It's my intention to meet via conference call during the first week of September to formulate a request for nominations and to set due dates for submissions, after which the website information can be updated. I'd also like to confer with the committee about ways to encourage both school and public librarians to submit nominations for awards, something that might encourage more school library participation in membership as well.

The Airstet group created by JaNae Kinikin and used by last year's committee was quite effective and gave all committee members an opportunity to see and comment on award nominations. I am in the process of creating a new "cloud computer" to use as this year's award process progresses. More information will be emailed to committee members when available.

Respectfully submitted,

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