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Awards Committee Report
March 31, 2009
MPLA Board Meeting
JaNae Kinikin, Chair

The committee met via conference call on January 21 to discuss the nominees for this year's awards. The nominees were:

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

- Dan Chaney*—submitted by Carol Hammond /Jean Hatfield

MPLA Beginning Professional

- Kaijsa Calkins*—submitted by Lori Phillips
- Danielle Thiess-White—submitted by Jason Coleman
- David J. LaCrone—submitted by Erica Reynolds
- Robin Brooks Clark—submitted Kathleen Tooker
- Victoria Boone—submitted by Cindy Osborne

MPLA Distinguished Service

- Lesley Boughton —submitted by Marilyn Hinshaw
- Dorothy Liegl*—submitted by Julie Erickson and Colleen Kirby

MPLA Literary Contribution

- Tim Tingle—submitted by Beth Avery
- Don Coldsmith*—submitted by Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library of Kansas

MPLA Unsung Hero

- Sharon Morrison*—submitted by Kathryn Plunkett
- Wichita Area Library Association—submitted by Janet Fowler (current WALA President)
- Trees for Life—submitted by Cynthia Berner Harris
- Karen Neurohr/Lynda Reynolds—submitted by Janet Ahrberg

This year's winners as selected by the committee members are designated by a *.

After the selections were made, emails were sent to those whose nominees were selected and official letters were sent to the award winners notifying them of the award that they had won. Follow-up phone calls were made and emails were sent to the winners requesting biographical

information and a picture. This information was forward to Judy to insert in the MPLA newsletter and to Dan to publish on the MPLA website. Official letters were also sent to those whose nominees were not selected thanking them for their nominations.

Two members of the committee, Sarah Watson and Ellen Fockler, assisted JaNae in creating statements which will be used by the Master of Ceremony at the Awards banquet to introduce the winners. These statements have been forwarded to Rob Banks. Additionally, Sarah, Ellen, and Judy helped to create press releases on the award winners which will be sent to selected publications announcing the winners following the conference.

The 2009 Board Choice Award winners are:

- Anne Moore, Dean of Libraries at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion (selected by Elvita Landau, State Representative)
- Julie Boyle, reference librarian with High Plains Library District's Lincoln Park Library (selected by Annie Epperson, Recording Secretary)
- Britt Fagerheim, Reference Librarian at Utah State University's Merrill-Cazier in Logan, Utah (selected by Betty Dance, By-Laws and Procedures Representative)
- Pamela N. Martin, Reference Librarian at Utah State University's Merrill-Cazier in Logan, Utah (selected by JaNae Kinikin, Committee Representative)
- Mary Moroney Assistant Director of the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System, headquartered in Muskogee (selected by Wayne Hanway, Past President)
- Suzanne Reymer, Montana State Library, Statewide Consulting Librarian (selected by Eileen Wright, Vice President/President Elect)
- Royce Kitts, Director, Tonganoxie Public Library (selected by nominated by Rob Banks, President)

The notebook and other documents related to the Awards Committee will be passed to the incoming committee chair at the March 31 Board meeting.