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Awards Committee
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As agreed at our last Board meeting, I wrote brief biographies of Dan Chaney and Carl Gaumer, the two people for whom awards are named, with the help of Mickey Coalwell and Judy Zelinski, both of whom provided information. The final version of the Awards list was circulated among committee members who provided input and suggestions.

When completed, the changes to the Awards page were incorporated into the MOP and sent to Board members for approval. The final vote was completed on May 1, 2017, and the revised Awards description, along with changes to the Nomination Form, were sent to Roy Degler. The Awards page has been posted to the website, and nominations are now open.

State Representatives were contacted and urged to get information about the Awards out to their state organizations. Judy also sent a similar message through Memberclicks to all MPLA members.

I was also a part of a conference call discussion concerning how MPLA's awards will be presented at the upcoming conference with the Nevada Library Association in October. As of the last committee meeting, the consensus was to present both MPLA, NLA, and NYRA (Nevada Young Readers) awards at the Awards luncheon on Wednesday, October 18.

We have received just one nomination so far, with another inquiry about eligibility — I urge all Board members and State Reps to keep reminding members to nominate deserving individuals or groups! The nominator must be an MPLA member, but only some of the awards require that the recipient be a current or past member.

Respectfully submitted,
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