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Awards Committee

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The Awards Committee met via Zoom on Monday, Sept. 18th to select recipients of the MPLA Awards. We received a total of eight nominations, not counting the one which was disqualified. No nomination was received for the Beginning Professional Award.

Because both nominees for the Distinguished Service Award were such well-qualified candidates, the committee made the decision to award two Distinguished Service Awards. After consulting with Mickey Coalwell (and with Annie Epperson, Judy Zelenski, and Eric Strohane), it was apparent that there was no objection to awarding awards to two equally-qualified nominees, and in fact, there has been a precedent for doing so at least twice in the past.

Awards will be presented as follows:

MPLA Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award: Mary Ann Thompson (Kansas)

MPLA Innovator Award: Traci Juhala (North Dakota)

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: Michael Delello (New Mexico)

MPLA Literary Contribution Award: David Quammen (Montana)

Distinguished Service Awards:

Mike Mullin (South Dakota)

Sharon Osenga (Nebraska)

Awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 18th, at noon. More information about the conference is available at <http://nevadalibraries.org/events/conference.html>. If the nominator is present, he/she will have the option of presenting the award. If present, recipients will have 2-3 minutes to speak, or, I will give a short synopsis of the nomination.

Many thanks to the members of the Awards Committee — Theresa Jehlik, Stephen Sweeney, and Scotty Zollars.

Respectfully submitted,

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Awards Committee chair