Committee Report Form - June 2015
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Committee Name:
CALA Awards Committee

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Committee Charge:
The chairperson, with the help of the Committee members, shall issue calls for nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for the Association, select and recommend a recipient for the Award in accordance with the criteria and guidelines established by the Board. (CALA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 9, 1.)

Tasks Completed According to the Five Goals Outlined in the CALA 2015 Strategic Plan if Applicable and Please Be Specific:
The Committee completed its charge and other tasks which can be related to the CALA 2015 Strategic Plan, Goal 1. Strive for Organizational Excellence and Goal 2. Become a Leader in Global Reach Initiatives.

- The committee members were connected as early as the appointments were announced. All committee members expressed enthusiasm, dedications, and passion to serve on this CALA capacity.

- The committee members reviewed the current guidelines, at http://cala-web.org/node/1618 It helps prepare them for the committee tasks.

- The committee members reviewed the procedures as follows:
  - Call for nominations
  - Solicit supporting letters.
  - Review/evaluate nomination documentation
  - Rank the nominees, discuss, and select the winner.
  - Present recommendation of the recipient to the President and the Executive Director for forwarding to the Board for approval.
  - Ask the Executive Director to prepare plaque and certificate for the award recipient.

- The Committee accomplished the following tasks between January and May 2015 related to the CALA Distinguished Service Award:
  - Issued a call for nominations of the CALA Distinguished Service Award on February 18, 2015, on CALA Listserv and CALA Facebook, with the deadline on March 27, 2015.
  - Developed a review chart to ensure that all reviews were on the same standard and criteria.
  - Revised and agreed on the same chart to avoid any discrepancy.
  - Read and reviewed all nomination materials.
  - Gave scores to each nominee according to the established guidelines on this award.
  - Ranked each nominee according to their scores assigned by the committee members.
• Unanimously selected one recipient for this highest honor of CALA.
• Received feedback from the CALA Executive Committee members.
• Revised and resubmitted the Committee’s report on the selection, with additional information, and submitted to EC for the third time, on May 28, 2015.

• The Committee accomplished the following tasks between January and May 2015 related to the other CALA awards:
• Timely reviewed the other CALA awards forwarded to the Committee and gave quick feedback/approvals.

Goals and Objectives Completed:
N/A

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:
N/A

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any):
N/A

Questions/Comments/Suggestions for the Board (if any):
An official proposal from the CALA Awards Committee:
The Committee proposes that, in case a qualified nomination was not chosen for the award in the current year due to competitiveness, the files of the nominee will remain in the pool for one year immediately after the initial nomination date; the nominee will be recommended to the Committee next year for consideration. The new Awards Committee Chair will contact the nominee, ask if she/he likes to be considered, and request her/his updated documents, i.e., nomination letters, C.V., supporting letters, sample publications, a list of awards, etc., to assist the new Committee for consideration.

Summary: In a few sentences, highlight your achievements, concerns, or suggestions that you mostly want addressed. This should be the main point of your committee work:
The chair person wants to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their hard work, integrity, commitments, and dedication to this committee task. They are the individuals who served or chaired on this committee previously. Their insightful advice, thoughtful suggestions, timely encouragement, and most importantly, commitments to make CALA an excellent library association, have helped move forward with the committee’s activities.

Attachment1:

Attachment2: