



MLA Awards Selection Workgroup

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General Workgroup Description

The MLA Award Selection Workgroup reviews and updates award guidelines, encourages nominations, reviews nominees and selects the winners for our MLA professional recognition awards at the Michigan Library Awards ceremony including the Lifetime Achievement Award, Public Librarian of the Year, Heart of a Champion, Support Staff of the Year, Rising Star, Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth and Legislator of the Year.

Workgroup Membership and Meetings

The Workgroup members will be appointed by MLA staff from the Call for Volunteers. The MLA Membership and Communications Director will serve as staff liaison.

All workgroup members are required to attend a virtual MLA volunteer development training. The workgroup will meet at the call of the Membership and Communications Director as needed.

Authority and Responsibilities

The MLA Award Selection Workgroup shall:

- Review criteria for all awards and make annual updates as needed
- Designate award timeline and deadlines each year.
- Put out call for nominations
- Solicit and select additional reviewers for each award type.
- Review nominations
- Make recommendations for award winners. The workgroup will present only one nominee for each award.

Workgroup Term

One year.

Chair and Vice-Chair selection

The workgroup will have a Chair and Vice-Chair as selected and approved by MLA, who serve a one-year leadership term within the two-year workgroup membership.

Qualifications

This is an opportunity for individuals who are passionate about the success of MLA's members and have an interest in helping celebrate the contributions made by our libraries and our library professionals throughout Michigan.

Service Without Remuneration

Service on Michigan Library Association's Workgroups are without remuneration or additional discounts for event attendance.