

ALA Awards Committee July 2016

Accomplishments

Award Approval

We had one ALA Award approval request for this meeting. Kevin Reynolds presented **the Larry Romans Mentorship Award**. This award is sponsored by GLBTRT and GODORT and had been approved by the GLBTRT Board and the GODORT Steering Committee. The Award proposal states, "Because mentoring was a universal hallmark of Larry Roman's presence in ALA and in our profession generally, this award will serve both as a fitting memorial to Larry and as a celebration of librarians who have also selflessly given their time and energy through mentoring others. *The Committee unanimously approved the proposal.*

Award Selection Criteria Revised

To make the selection process more uniform and consistent for all of our awards, selection criteria was written or revised for the Beta Phi Mu Award, the Melvil Dewey Medal, the Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award, the Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship Award, the Scholastic Library Publishing Award and the Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children Award. *The additions and changes to the individual award websites will be completed before the next cycle of award judging begins.*

Survey of Award Winners

The Chair sent a survey to previous award winners posing the questions: What special recognition did you receive from your peers and/or sponsoring organization upon winning this award and what suggestions or ideas do you have for the awards committee on ways to publicize the awards and award winners. *The committee members discussed the comments and will use suggestions to promote the awards.*

Planned activities

The next Chair will have the opportunity to survey Jury Chairs/members as to the ease of soliciting nominations as well as selecting and publicizing our awards and award winners.

Revise and update the wording in the ALA Awards Manual.

Current level of committee members' involvement (in a form more substantive than an attendance roll)

The majority of the committee members contributed to revising our selection criteria and participated in email committee activities.

As Chair, I am grateful to Cheryl Malden, ALA Liaison, and a wonderful committee for the hard work and continued cooperation and willingness to participate actively in Awards Committee activities.