



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2020-21: 9/24/20, 12/3/20, 3/25/21, and 5/20/21. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: ila@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: Awards Committee

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Date: 9/3/20

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Date and time of virtual awards ceremony have been finalized (October 22, early evening), as has the platform (Zoom). At our August conference call, we divvied up responsibility for the awards ceremony script and draft of a digital program. Drafts of these documents are to be completed by 9/4/20 so the chair can make final edits before the committee's next meeting on 9/15/20. Tamara Jenkins, our wonderful staff liaison, is working on securing gifts for award recipients from the new online ILA store, since we will be unable to honor them in person with the luncheon. She is also working on a short fun video to kick off the Zoom event.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

We will first continue working to make sure the virtual ceremony is successful. After October, we will prepare for the 2021 awards cycle. In preparation, we'd like to make some memorial award names more descriptive (example: Crosman Memorial Award for New Librarians), as well as clarifying the criteria for the awards. We'd also like to do more to help ILA promote the awards, though what exactly the committee members might do remains to be seen at this time.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

By making some award names more descriptive, clarifying the criteria, and helping ILA promote them, the Awards committee hopes to attract more overall nominations for the 2021 awards cycle.

Anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

2020 awards ceremony - October 22, 2020. Adding descriptive word(s) to some awards and clarifying criteria wording - February 2021 (before 2021 awards open for nominations). Helping ILA promote 2021 awards - March-May 2021 (just before and during 2021 awards nomination period)

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

- Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy
- Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy
- Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession
- Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association
- Goal area: Delivery of Member Value
- Goal area: Leadership

By making award names more descriptive, clarifying criteria required for each, and helping ILA promote them to diverse professionals, committees, and forums, the Awards Committee hopes to encourage a more diverse and inclusive pool of nominees, as we know there are so many eligible professionals out there who simply may not realize that they qualify for these awards.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Executive Board (**please discuss with your board or staff liaison first. Board liaisons can help with strategic, programmatic, policy-related and content-related questions; staff liaisons can help with procedural or business-related questions**):

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