Awards Committee 2007-08

This was a transition year for the Awards Committee. Based on the recommendations in the final report of the Special Committee on Committee Structure (approved by the Executive Board, November 2007), the charge of the Awards Committee was revised. The final selection of several awards was transferred to subject interest committees: LLJ/Spectrum Committee (Spectrum Article of the Year & LLJ Article of the year); CRIV (New Products Award); PR Committee (Excellence in Marketing Award); and GRC (Public Access to Government Information Award). This recommendation would eliminate the Awards Committee’s involvement in the selection process for these awards. While the new procedures are slated to begin with 2008-09 committees, several of the subject interest committees jumped the gun on the process and made selections this year. This left several of the subcommittees of the Awards Committee with less than the normal workload and caused some confusion. The Awards Committee chair suggested other opportunities for member involvement in the work of the committee, such as publicizing award recipients through articles and press releases prior to the Annual Meeting, assisting with presentations of awards during the Annual Meeting in Portland, setting up the Awards Committee display in the Exhibit Hall, and representing the committee during the CONELL Marketplace.

The selection process was completed in March and all recipients were notified via letter or e-mail by the chair in April. The names of the recipients were submitted to AALL Headquarters for inclusion in the 2008 awards brochure. Headquarters staff took care of getting plaques and delivering any monetary awards. The following awards were made:

- **Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award**: Robert L. Oakley (posthumously), Georgetown University Law Library.


- Best New Product Award: Cassidy Cataloging Services, Inc. for *WLX Cataloging Record Service* (WLX-E Treatise Collection, Lexis II Primary Sources, and Westlaw IV Journals & Law Reviews).

- Chapter Professional Development Award, One Time Program: Colorado Association of Law Libraries, “Spotlight on Your Career: Communication.”

- Public Access to Government Information Award: OMB Watch, Washington, D.C.


This year’s Awards Committee members were: Mark Bernstein, Philip Berwick, Carmen Brigandi, Michele Finerty, Judy Gaskell, Lori Hedstrom, Ruth J. Hill (Chair), Richard Leiter, Mary Mahoney, Cheryl Nyberg, Carol Rogers, and Dee Wood. Sally Holterhoff served as Board Liaison. The 2007-08 Awards Committee completed its work at a joint meeting with the 2008-09 committee at the Annual Meeting in Portland on July 15, 2008. Michele Finerty will serve as chair of the committee for 2008-09.

Ruth J. Hill, Chair
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