



## Michigan Library Awards Workgroup

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### General Workgroup Description

The Michigan Library Awards Workgroup reviews and updates MLA 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. The workgroup works closely with MLA staff to plan, publicize and prepare for the annual Michigan Library Awards gala that takes place during the week of MLA's Annual Conference.

### Workgroup Membership and Meetings

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

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

### Authority and Responsibilities

The MLA Michigan Library Awards Workgroup shall:

- Review criteria for all MLA awards and make annual updates as needed
- Designate award timeline and deadlines each year.
- Promote the call for nominations
- Review nominations
- Make recommendations for award winners. The workgroup will present only one recommended winner for each award.
- Work with MLA staff to publicize the Michigan Library Awards within workgroup's own networks
- Work with MLA staff to plan the Michigan Library Awards gala, including recommending venues, hosts, entertainment, music, etc.
- Works with MLA staff to solicit sponsors for the Michigan Library Awards gala.
- Attend the Michigan Library Awards and provide setup/tear-down help before and after the gala.

**Workgroup Term**

One year with option to renew commitment if desired.

**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.

**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.