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History and Purpose of the Award

The President’s Award was established by the Executive Board of SELA in March 1988. President Charles Beard, Vice-President George Stewart, and Executive Secretary Claudia Medori were authorized to judge nominations and to select the first recipient. The President’s Award Committee is appointed by the President of SELA and shall include members from a varying number of states in SELA. The award was renamed in 2006 after Charles Beard.

Criteria for Eligibility

The purpose of the award is to honor an individual, group or corporation outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to the development or promotion of libraries in the Southeast.

Required Information on Application

Nominations are to be made in writing to the Chairman of the Charles Beard President’s Award committee. Individuals submitting nominations should send their nominee’s name and a short statement of the nominee’s significant contributions. Supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, brochures, and letters may be included. Nominations should be mailed to:

Jan Ruskell, Co-Chair
Ingram Library
University of West Georgia
Carrollton, GA 30118.

Jan can be contacted at jruskell@westga.edu and Betsy Griffies, Co-Chair at bgriff@westga.edu.

Deadline for Submission/nomination of Application

The next SELA Conference will take place October 2008. In order to give the Committee sufficient time to review nominations, all nominations must be received by June 15, 2008.

Recognition and timing for announcement of the award recipient

The award will be presented once in a biennium by the Chairman of the Charles Beard President’s Award Committee at the biennial conference. Announcement of the recipient of the award, with a biographical sketch, will appear in the Southeastern Librarian. If no suitable nomination is received, it may be omitted for that biennium.