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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** 2009 SLA Awards Committee  
**DATE:** 8 June 2009  
**RE:** Awards Committee Report on Activity January - June 2009

The 2009 SLA Awards Committee would like thank the Board for the opportunity to serve the association by identifying and choosing for recognition, SLA's brightest and best members. What follows is a summary of activities January 2009 through June 2009.

- January 2009 - The committee met in Savannah, Georgia to review all of the nominations submitted. The committee discussed each nominee, deliberated and came to consensus on a recommended slate of award recipients to present to the Board of Directors for approval. The following awards were covered in the January report and recommendation: John Cotton Dana Award, Professional Award, Member Achievement Award, SLA Fellows, Leadership Award, Hall of Fame. SLA President Gloria Zamora charged the committee with following-up on the recommendation presented from the 2006 Recognition Task Force Report, and work on creating a new award to recognize SLA's Rising Stars.
- February 2009 - The Awards Committee submitted a report to the Board detailing the proposed criteria for a new award in 2009, the SLA Rising Star award. The committee incorporated feedback from the President and Board, finalized, and then implemented the nominations process from March 2009 through May 2009.
- May 2009 - Awards committee recommended that the Board of Directors accept the five members selected by the committee as the inaugural class of the Rising Star Award Recipients for 2009. Having carefully reviewed the 14 nomination forms received, the committee put forth five candidates as viable recipients who meet the defined criteria and best represent the spirit of the SLA Rising Star Award. The Board voted and approved the recommendation of recipients.
- June 2009 - Awards committee submitted request for small changes to the language of the Awards Committee's charge, allowing for the committee to be more nimble and responsive.

Respectfully submitted,

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