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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Innovations in Technology Award Committee
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RE: Innovations in Technology Committee Activity in 2009

The Innovations in Technology Award is granted to an SLA member in good standing for innovative use and application of technology in a special library setting.

As our first task for 2009, the committee reviewed and rewrote the award criteria to ensure that the award continues to remain relevant and to address falling nomination rates. This effort appears to have been successful as evidenced by the quantity and quality of the award candidates received this year.

We received five nominations for the award, with three of them worthy of serious consideration, a big improvement over last year's process. The committee deliberated and came to unanimous decision on the recipient.

We believe that this year's increase was a result of the improved award criteria combined with an extensive solicitation campaign by all committee members through SLA and non-SLA discussion lists.

In March of 2009 the committee submitted to the Board of Directors a recommendation for the 2009 recipient of the J.J. Keller Innovations in Technology Award. The Board accepted and confirmed the committee's selection and the recipient was notified in early May 2009.

The Innovations in Technology Award Committee would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to work on this important award that encourages and stimulates innovative practices within SLA membership. We would also like to thank the Board and our corporate sponsor J.J. Keller for their continued support and funding for this program since 2007. This marks the 17th time that this Award has been given since 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: James King
Committee Members: Ruth Kneale, Amanda Wilson
Board Liaison: Stephen Abram
SLA Staff Liaison: Cara Schatz