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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: 2009 SLA Awards Committee
DATE: 22 January 2010
RE: Awards Committee Annual Report and Recommendations for 2010 Program

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.

Summary of 2009 SLA Honors and Awards Activity

- January 2009- The 2009 Awards Committee met in Savannah 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 for approval by the Board of Directors. 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 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 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. See Document: **EM0609-A02**
- July 2009- The Awards Committee thoughtfully reviewed all SLA Association Level Awards and identified various outstanding issues. The committee reported to the Board our intention to sunset the H.W. Wilson Award as the sponsor did not wish to underwrite an association level award under current terms required by SLA Award Sponsors. The Committee continued to work via email and teleconference through September 2009 to further refine recommendations for the 2010 program.

- October 2009- As charged by the President we reviewed and considered the timeline and efficacy of the current SLA Awards and Honors program. Additionally we took into consideration all award sponsorship agreements that are currently in place, the cost of administering and promoting each award, as well as the reality of the potential for an extended difficult economic time ahead for our association.

We reviewed each award to determine if it should continue to be a part of the program based on how it fits into the association's strategic goals and direction for the future. We also questioned the ability of each award to inspire others or to promote the types of attributes or behaviors that are in need of promoting and support across the membership. The 2009 Award Committee reported to the board the following recommendations for the 2010 awards program. (1) Place Innovations in Technology on hiatus for 2010 Awards and Honors Program, (2) Place the Professional Award on hiatus for the 2010 Awards and Honors Program, (3) Announce Rising Stars and Fellows of SLA at 2010 Leadership Summit

- December 2009— The Awards Committee recommend that the Board of Directors accept its selection of five members as the 2010 class of the Rising Star Award Recipients and five members as the 2010 class of Fellows of SLA. The Board accepted the Committee's recommendations and the recipients were notified.

We would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to review, rethink and reshape the SLA Honors and Awards program over the past year. In 2010, the Awards Committee will continue to refine the criteria for each award and examine how each one is furthering the goals of SLA and its members.

Respectfully submitted,

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