

MPLA Board Choice Awards

The Board Choice Award is a personal initiative by Board members to identify and recruit individuals with demonstrated ability in a library setting to membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. The person is selected by consideration of their potential to benefit MPLA and the profession in a broader sense. MPLA Board members use this award to identify and recruit future library leaders, those who will serve their own library, their state and regional associations well.

Each member of the MPLA Administration Committee is eligible and encouraged to name one recipient per year. Administration Committee members should communicate who their selected Board Choice winner is and why they were chosen.

Members of the Administration Committee are the President, Vice President/ President Elect, Past President, Recording Secretary, Chair of the Bylaws and Procedures Subcommittee, one Committee Chair, and one State Representative.

Board Choice nominees should be selected no later than September 30th and their membership information sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee for publicity, listing on the web page, and recognition of the award winner. Nominators should make sure that their nominee is profiled in the *MPLA Newsletter* and on the website, including a photo if available. Each Administration Committee member should follow up during regular meetings in person, by phone, or online with their nominees and encourage their involvement in the organization, especially conference attendance.

Recipients receive a complimentary one-year MPLA membership. Registration fees for the annual conference will be waived for Board Choice nominees for the year they are nominated. If they are unable to attend the annual conference that year, the registration fee will be waived for conference the following year if they continue to be members. Nominees will pay half price membership for their first paying year (second membership year). Each nominee receives a letter from the MPLA President, as well as an email communication from the Executive Secretary, including directions for access and use of Memberclicks.