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**Discussion: Council Exemplary Service Award
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BACKGROUND

The *Council Exemplary Service Award* was created in 1980, at the request of the Committee on the Selection of SAA Fellows, to recognize a special contribution to the archives profession (and especially to SAA) that is not eligible for one of the other awards given by the Society. It is given on an occasional basis at the discretion of the Council or upon recommendation to the Council by the Awards Committee. In recent years the Council Exemplary Service Award has been given at the SAA Awards Ceremony.

Council Resolutions periodically are developed to acknowledge the contributions of individuals to the Society or the archives community. Council resolutions typically are printed on certificate paper and either sent to individuals following a phone call from the President or presented at a Council meeting at which the individual is in attendance. In recent years, Council resolutions have been presented at the SAA Awards Ceremony.

Exemplary Service Award Recipients

2009: David B. Gracy II
2009: Intellectual Property Working Group
2008: Troup County (Georgia) Archives
2008: Larry Gates (Hollinger/Metal Edge)
2008: Teresa Brinati (20th Anniversary on staff)
2007: Victoria Irons Walch (A*CENSUS Project)
2007: Trudy Huskamp Peterson (International representation)
2006: Robert M. Schmidt (A&A List administration)
2005: Robert S. Martin (IMLS)
2004: John Carlin (Archivist of the United States)
2003: Brenda Banks (distinguished service)
2003: Carroll Dendler (staff service)
2003: Alexandra Gressitt (distinguished service)
2003: Debra Nolan (staff service)
2001: Carroll Dendler (staff service)

Council Resolutions Acknowledging....

- 2009: National Archives and Records Administration (75th Anniversary)
- 2009: Academy of Certified Archivists (20th Anniversary)
- 2009: Charles Schultz (distinguished service, upon retirement)
- 2008: Yolanda Retter Vargas (“activist archivist,” posthumously)
- 2007: Dennis Meissner (service as Publications Board chair)
- 2006: Richard Cox (service as Publications Editor)
- 2006: Kathleen Roe (advocacy efforts)
- 2006: Gregor Trinkaus-Randall (distinguished service)
- 2006: Society of Southwest Archivists and SSA-SAA Emergency Disaster Assistance Fund Review Committee
- 2005: Scott Schwartz (service as Membership Committee chair)
- 2005: Phil Eppard (service as *American Archivist* editor)

DISCUSSION

An important function of most professional associations is to motivate and reward its members and supporters by providing professional recognition. For an awards program to truly serve as a motivator and reward, it is important to ensure that – each year – individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to the profession are singled out for recognition.

The purpose of this discussion item on the February 2010 agenda is to provide an opportunity for Council members to consider for the Council Exemplary Service Award individuals and/or organizations whose efforts are worthy but may not be recognized in 2010 via the Awards Program. For the Council Exemplary Service Award, the Council itself selects the awardee(s).

Which individuals and organizations have distinguished themselves in 2009-2010 or over time?

“Straw man” motions are provided below to stimulate Council discussion of potential recipients.

MOTION(S)

THAT [TK] be given the 2010 Council Exemplary Service Award for his/her outstanding contributions to the [Society] [profession]

Support Statement: [TK]

THAT [TK] the following resolution be adopted in acknowledgment of

Support Statement: [TK]