

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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Chicago, Illinois**

**Discussion: Council Exemplary Service  
Award and Council Resolutions  
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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**

- 2011: Mary Jo Pugh (Service as Editor of *The American Archivist*)
- 2010: U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (Support of FOIA)
- 2010: Kathleen Roe, New York State Archives (Distinguished service, PAHR)
- 2010: David Carmicheal, Georgia Archives (Distinguished service, PAHR)
- 2009: David B. Gracy II (Distinguished service)
- 2009: Intellectual Property Working Group (Distinguished service)
- 2008: Troup County (Georgia) Archives
- 2008: Larry Gates (Hollinger/Metal Edge's long-term support of profession)
- 2008: Teresa Brinati (20<sup>th</sup> 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 (Service as IMLS director)
- 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 (75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
- 2009: Academy of Certified Archivists (20<sup>th</sup> 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 Editor of *The American Archivist*)

### **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 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 or the association are singled out for recognition.

The purpose of this discussion item on the January 2012 agenda is to provide an opportunity for Council members to consider for the Council Exemplary Service Award or a Council resolution individuals and/or organizations whose efforts are worthy but may not be recognized in 2012 via the Awards Program. For both of these types of recognition the Council itself selects the awardee(s).

Typically the Council has discussed at its winter meeting who may be worthy of recognition and has assigned to a Council member the task of preparing a nomination for consideration by the Council at its spring meeting.

**Discussion Question: Which individuals and organizations have distinguished themselves in 2011-2012 or over time?**

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

**MOTION(S)**

**THAT [TK] be given the 2012 Council Exemplary Service Award for his/her outstanding contributions to the [Society] [profession] ....**

**Support Statement:** [TK]

**THAT the following resolution be adopted in acknowledgment of [TK's] contributions ....**

**Support Statement:** [TK]