

Charles E. Beard Award Committee

Purpose: To honor an individual outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to the development or promotion of libraries in the Southeast.

Duties:

1. To announce information about the award in *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN* and to circulate information about the award.
2. To receive and review nominations for the Charles E. Beard Award.
3. To select a recipient of the award if a worthy candidate is nominated.

History: This award was established by the Board of SELA in March 1988. President Charles Beard, Vice-President George Stewart, and Administrative Services Claudia Medori were authorized to judge nominations and to select the first recipient. Future President's Award Committees shall be appointed by the President of SELA and shall include members from a varying number of states in SELA. On April 6, 2006, it was announced that the President's Award had been renamed the Charles E. Beard Award in memory of the late Charles E. Beard, Director of Libraries at West Georgia College and past President of both SELA and GLA.

Criteria:

1. The award is given to an individual outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to Southeastern libraries in one or more states.
2. The award will be made to only one person in a biennium and, if no suitable nomination is received, may be omitted for that biennium.
3. Nomination must be made by an SELA member. The recipient need not be a member.

Award: An appropriately worded engraved plaque.

Procedures:

1. The Awards Committee will submit announcements of award and nomination forms to *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN* at least one year prior to the biennial conference.
2. Nomination forms may be requested from the chair of the Charles E. Beard Award Committee (see Appendix E. Forms).
3. Nominations are made in writing to the chair of the Charles E. Beard Award Committee at least six (6) months prior to the biennial conference.
4. The Charles E. Beard Award Committee shall recommend the recipient to the Awards Committee within two months of the biennial conference.
5. The SELA Administrative Office will be responsible for ordering the plaque once the recipient's name has been provided.
6. The award shall be presented by the Chair of the Charles E. Beard Award Committee at a general session of the biennial conference or at a time and place designated by the Awards Committee and the Conference Committee.
7. Colleagues and relatives of the recipient should be invited to attend the ceremony.
8. The Awards Committee Chair shall notify the Board and SELA Headquarters of the winner and send announcement of recipient to appear in the appropriate issue of *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN*.