

**Awards & Recognition**, submitted by: Vanessa Mitchell

## **Members**

Vanessa Mitchell, chair (Library of Congress)  
Jamie Carlstone, (Northwestern University)  
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Kate Moore, member (Indiana University Southeast)  
Dejah Rubel, member (Ferris State University)

Shannon Keller, board liaison (New York Public Library)

## **Continuing Activities, placing emphasis on any activities supporting the 2017-2021 [Strategic Plan](#)**

By continuing to offer awards to attend the annual conference, the work of the A&R Committee helps ensure that a diverse group of librarians, paraprofessionals and students can have an opportunity they might not otherwise be able to afford and interact with others in the NASIG community.

Additionally, the Marcia Tuttle International Grant and the Fritz Schwartz Education Scholarship help foster scholarly communications, the former for a professional already working in the field and the latter for someone who has shown strength in doing so as a student.

## **Completed Activities, placing emphasis on any activities supporting the 2017-2021 [Strategic Plan](#)**

Renamed the Diversity and Inclusion Award to the Equity and Inclusion Award to align with the name of the NASIG Equity and Inclusion Committee. Also provided input to the Board about the award renaming process in response to the interest in naming an award in Dan Tonkery's memory.

Worked with the Board to determine the scope of this year's awards. Reviewed the applications received and selected the winners.

## **Statistical Information**

14 applicants, several of whom applied for multiple awards

8 awards:

2 Equity & Inclusion  
2 First-Timers  
2 Paraprofessionals  
1 Fritz Schwartz  
1 John Riddick

**Action(s) Required by Board**

Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair and recruit additional members. There are only 2 current members continuing.

**Questions for Board**

The Marcia Tuttle award wasn't announced this year with the other awards because of the difficulty in planning international travel. We had planned on advertising it at the conference and opening it up for applications soon after. However, given how uncertain international travel remains, this doesn't seem realistic. Do we still want to make an award in 2021 or hold off until 2022?

**Recommendations to Board**

Continue to advertise/open application for Capstone award separately, even though this year we didn't receive any nominations. Continue to remain flexible about number of awards for each category based on pool of applicants since sometimes we don't have any candidates for an award (s). This was definitely the case this year but the virtual nature of the conference was most likely a contributing factor.

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