CALA Honorary Membership Guidelines

Adapted from the American Library Association’s Honorary Membership Process, the CALA honorary membership may be conferred on a living citizen of any country whose contribution to librarianship or a closely related field is so outstanding that it is of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of library service. It is intended to reflect honor upon the CALA as well as upon the individual. Recipients of CALA honorary membership will receive life membership and recognition.

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for CALA honorary membership, a person should be so outstanding that there can be no question about their suitability.

- The designation should recognize the contribution of an individual per se, rather than that of an individual representing the accomplishments of many.
- The person elected to honorary membership should be of such caliber as to reflect honor upon CALA by this designation.
- Honorary membership should be conferred because of a contribution of more than passing interest and of more than local or regional achievement. The contribution may be to librarianship or to a closely related field.
- The recipient may be a librarian, a person in a related field or an advocate of the association.

Criteria developed by the CALA Executive Committee on Honorary Members, CALA Executive Committee members in consultation with CALA Board of Directors and Membership Committee, will determine the recipient(s) of the CALA Honorary Membership. CALA members may submit names to the CALA Executive Committee along with documentation for consideration.

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