

Addendum to the St. Louis Medical Librarians Board Meeting Jan. 19, 2012 Minutes

Regarding recognition of membership, outstanding leadership and service, and retirement, the Board agrees that the following is the correct interpretation of the Jan. 19 discussion:

1. Membership is recognized at 5-year intervals with a certificate only. At 15 years and beyond, this may include framing.
2. Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding Service awards are recognized with a plaque.
3. Retirement recognition depends upon length of membership and degree of service. Per the SLML Procedure Manual, the awards are:

5-year membership: certificate

10-year membership: framed certificate

15-year membership: silver plaque

20-year membership: gold plaque

25-year membership: gold plaque, lapel pin AND dedication of the Awards Meeting to the member(s) so recognized.

Each successive 5-year interval: award appropriate to the member's longevity (honorial donation to MLA Scholarship Fund; honorial donation to other charitable organization; jewelry; etc.)

The Board discussed allowing the recipient to select among several options (donation, various gift items) as an alternative option to the plaque. This suggestion from the ad hoc committee (Cheryle Cann, Jill Bright and Maria Minowitz) which reviewed the recognition and awards guidelines was met with general approval, but there is no formal vote on record.

The question of breaks in membership could be addressed in the future.