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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

JASON MEADORS

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The purpose of the CCRA award for distinguished service to the profession is to recognize exemplary service given for the benefit of the reporting profession. A recipient of the award meets the following qualifications:

Is involved in the reporting profession on an extensive level, during which involvement the candidate shall have rendered distinguished service to the profession which has contributed to its good reputation, general welfare, or worthy accomplishments.

Our Distinguished Service Award (DSA) selection committee considered, among other things, services rendered to our and other reporting associations, public affairs and public relations, and writing for association publications. We also considered service as an officer, director, committee membership or chairmanship.

This year's recipient was nominated by not one but several members, and it was our committee's unanimous decision that the DSA be awarded to this individual. This individual has been reporting now for 20 years, has worked as both an official and a freelancer, is a member of CCRA, NCRA, and also served on the board of the Stenocat User's Group, has held all CCRA officer positions except treasurer, has either served as a member or has chaired the Ramblings, fall seminar, CIC, history and necrology, freelance, constitution and bylaws, ethics and grievance, interprofessional, legislative, and student committees. He recently authored our current Ethics guidelines and is currently building CCRA's web page. He has been published in the Journal as well as the Coloradan and in Ramblings.

He has served as secretary/treasurer of the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority and was instrumental in getting Larimer County Justice Bond and issue on the ballot, which passed and will be completed by September 2000. He also served in our United States Marine Corps.

The following are excerpts from the nominations:

"I believe that this individual exemplifies the attributes we as reporters should strive for. He has integrity almost beyond measure. He is respected by his peers and competitors. He is always willing to talk with new reporters, whether it involves ethical issues or just plain 'shop talk.' He shares his love for the profession."

Another person wrote: "He is the epitome of the perfect court reporter with his skills, hard work, and dedication."

Yet another wrote: "Even more impressive for me, however, is his magnanimous, though humble, support of the association behind the scenes. He has offered countless hours to put together our CCRA web site, to be the on-call resource for parliamentary procedure, to serve on committees and to promote and encourage the upcoming leaders in the association. Many times he has offered his support of CCRA at great sacrifice to himself personally. It has been my experience that he does all of these things with nothing but humility in his heart and with no desire for anything in return."

"Of course, I would be remiss in not expressing my appreciation to him for his tireless efforts on the dance floor. At every convention, whether state or national level, a fellow reporter can always count on him for at least one dance, and traditionally he is the one to 'close the place down.' His enthusiasm is unending."

This year's DSA recipient is JASON MEADORS.

Editor's note: Tammy Stoneberger and Sylvia Noneff both agree that we can't think of a more deserving recipient. Thanks, Jason, for all your help when we were "baby" board members. You truly deserve this honor!

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