

REFORMA NORTHEAST CHAPTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose of Award:

- The purpose of the Lifetime Achievement Award is to honor and recognize a REFORMA Northeast (RNE) Chapter member who has achieved professional excellence and has made lasting contributions to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking within the chapter's region.

Criteria for Award:

- Candidate's sustained lifetime contributions (his/her entire body of work, not just a single achievement) have been significant toward the advancement of library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking on a national and/or international level. Contributions include, but are not limited to service, publications, presentations, mentorship, research, education and training, innovative technology, and creative projects.
- Candidate is a current RNE Chapter member in good standing and has been active within the chapter for at least five years prior to his/her nomination.
- Candidate has worked consistently to assure and/or improve library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking over a continuous period of at least 20 years.

Award Guidelines:

- The RNE Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award Committee will make the formal award selection. RNE Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award Committee members are not eligible for the award during their committee service. Only candidates who are recognized in the profession and as leaders in the field will be considered.
- The Committee Chair will send a Call for Nominations via e-mail to the RNE listserv by March 1st every year, and will also make announcements at the winter/early spring general membership meetings. Active RNE members in good standing wishing to nominate someone will provide the RNE Lifetime Achievement Award Committee with a Letter of Nomination and the Application for Nomination form, found on the RNE Chapter web site, by April 1st when applicable.
- All members will send their nominations to the RNE Chapter Award Committee, who will review them and make their selection(s) based on the award guidelines. Once a selection has been made, the Committee Chair will notify the Executive Board, which will authorize the appropriate expenses, formally notify the recipient and the membership, and schedule the presentation of the award. Candidates will be excluded from selection discussions.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award is given only when candidates clearly meet or exceed eligibility criteria, and only once in a candidate's lifetime.
- RNE Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award is given annually. The number of recipients per year is at the discretion of the RNE Chapter Lifetime Achievement

Award Committee per budget consideration. If no suitable candidates are nominated, the award is not given.

- The RNE Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award is to be presented at the annual Joint Mini-Conference.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- The recipient will receive \$100.00 and a commemorative item which states:

THE REFORMA NORTHEAST CHAPTER (LOGO)

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PRESENTED TO:

NAME:

DATE:

IN HONOR OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES TO LATINOS AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING