

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

NOMINATION FORM

Purpose: To recognize a living person who made an outstanding contribution to the Association or to library development in the Southeast. In March 1987, the SELA Board voted to make recipients of the Mary Utopia Rothrock Award recipients of honorary member status.

Criteria:

1. Honorary membership should be conferred for significant contributions to librarianship in the southeast.
 - a. The honor may recognize those elected to leadership positions in the Association.
 - b. It may also recognize those who have made other contributions to librarianship in the region.
 - c. The honor should be based upon regional rather than state or local contributions to the profession.
2. The designation should recognize the contribution of an individual per se, rather than an individual representing the accomplishments of many.
3. The person elected to honorary membership should be of such caliber as to reflect honor upon SELA by this designation.
4. Honorary membership should be conferred as a result of a contribution of more than passing importance and of more than local or limited achievement. It should not be conferred because of momentary enthusiasm.
5. The recipient may be a librarian or a person in a related field.
6. Only a living person should be considered for honorary membership.
7. In order to make the award more meaningful, no more than five honorary memberships should be awarded in any biennium.
8. Membership entitles the recipient to a life membership in the Association with no further payment of dues.
9. Should no qualified individual be nominated or approved by the committee during the biennium, no award will be made.
10. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA, but the nominee need not be.

Submit nominations on this form, along with any accompanying material, to the Honorary Membership Committee Chair by May 1, 2026.

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Nominee: _____ States nominee served: _____

Address: _____ City / State / ZIP: _____

SELA Member making the nomination: _____

Address: _____ City / State / ZIP: _____

SELA member signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit a typed or printed statement relating your reasons for making the nomination. Include in the narrative professional and association activities, civic organizations and activities, writings, honors, etc. Please explain in detail the special contributions the nominee has made which make him or her qualified for consideration for this award.