

2011 Awards

2011 Chair's Award Recipient: Howard Fuller

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division's Chair's Award is presented annually to a member by the Division Chair.

This year, Nancy Dickenson, Division Chair, presented this award and testimonial at the DBIO business meeting in Philadelphia.

Howard Fuller, 2011 Conference Program Planning Chair and longtime SLA/DBIO member, was given the Chair's Award for 2011. He was recognized not only for his many contributions to the division over twenty years, but this year especially for his innovative program ideas and hard work ironing out program details, despite a challenging online planning process. For the first time, SLA honored a DBIO program as a "Spotlight Session", and another was designated as "Need to Know." The Spotlight Session, "Design Thinking," was streamed to online attendees. Both drew members from a range of divisions and increased the visibility of our division across the association.

Howard joined SLA in 1991. He has been Medical Section Chair (2002-2003) and Chair of the Career Guidance and Employment Committee (2007-2009). He has also had stints on the Fund Development and Program Planning Committees. In addition, Howard was co-chair and program chair for the Gay and Lesbian Issues Caucus from 1998-2001.

Currently Director of Library Services for Heald College in San Francisco, Howard has worked at the Stupski Foundation, Stanford University Medical Center, and the American Bar Association. Presenting the award to Howard, Chair Nancy Dickenson said that "Howard was a mentor to me at work at Stanford Health Library, teaching me all I know about being a medical librarian. When I needed someone to serve as program planner, I immediately thought of Howard. I knew I could depend on him to get the job done with energy, creativity, and good humor. I was right."

The certificate Howard received reads:

For meritorious service in the face of challenge...

Organization in the face of chaos

Diplomacy in the face of difficulty

Creativity in the face of redundancy

Patience in the face of uncooperative online planners.

2011 DBIO Distinguished Member Award Recipient: Tony Stankus

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division's Distinguished Member Award is given annually by the DBIO Awards Committee to a DBIO member who has demonstrated distinction and exemplary service to the division and the profession.

At the DBIO business meeting in Philadelphia, Michele Tennant, Chair of the Awards Committee, presented the 2011 DBIO Distinguished Member award to Tony Stankus, and read the following testimonial.

Tony has served DBIO and the association in numerous capacities over many years. He has served at the chapter level as a member of numerous committees, including as member of the Professional Awards Committee and Program Planning Committee for the Boston Chapter, and on the Student Awards Committee, Program Planning Committee, and as President-elect for the Rhode Island Chapter. For the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division he has served as Director, Secretary, and Blogmaster.

Not only has Tony provided outstanding service to SLA, he is also a recognized scholar, having published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, over 150 scholarly articles and book chapters, and numerous blog posts. Tony has a distinguished record of teaching and mentoring, having received the 2005 SLA association level Vormelker Award “for exceptional service in the area of mentoring students and/or working professionals”.

In addition to the Vormelker award, Tony has received the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award from the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Crusader of the Year (an award for alumni from the College of the Holy Cross), and the Special Librarian of the Year award from the Rhode Island chapter in 2007. He was named an SLA Fellow in 2009.

Many of Tony’s contributions to SLA have been high-profile, including work with the DBIO *Top 100 Journals* poll and program at the 2009 annual conference and the “So They Say You Have to Publish” program at the conference this year.

Congratulations Howard and Tony!