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Report to the WLA Executive Board from Wyoming Book Awards Advisor

During the September 25, 2015 meeting of the Book Awards Richard Landreth took over as Advisor of the Wyoming Book Awards committee. He is actively looking for a replacement for himself and as of 2/11/2016 thinks he has talked someone into this job. More in September!

At this same meeting there was a recommendation and discussion regarding reducing the number of books on each list (Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush, and Soaring Eagle) from 15 nominations down to 10. This was unanimously passed by all in attendance. Financial reasons were a key component regarding this decision as many of the smaller public and school libraries in the state are not always able to purchase all 15 titles in each category. Because WLA sponsors this with Wyoming State Reading Council the WSRC Executive Board has been notified. They are very happy with this decision.

Nominations for the 2016-2017 Wyoming Book Awards opened in January using MemberClicks. Rebecca Schuh will be sending out once per month lists of nominated books to committee members.

Voting for the 2016 Wyoming Book Awards will begin in the next few days and end March 15th.

Richard has been talking with the President of Wyoming State Reading Council about how to champion the awards program into more schools across the state. WSRC is having the same issue. He pointed out that maybe working with the new State Library School Library Consultant to promote the book awards in every school throughout the State of Wyoming would be beneficial. This conversation just happened... he will follow up with this idea in the near future.

Respectfully submitted 2/11/16

Richard Landreth