

2009 – 2010 Distinguished Service Award Committee Report

For the 2009 – 2010 academic year, our President asked me to serve as chair of this committee. The CASEA Distinguished Service Award Committee is responsible for receiving and adjudicating nominations received for this annual award. Using the information posted on the CASEA, I sent out invitations by e-mail to CASEA members to submit nominations for the award. With Feb. 1 as the closing date for nominations, I waited until the receipt of nominations to select additional members of the committee. This would allow me to choose committee members from institutions other than those associated with any nominees.

The committee received one nomination package this year, including a letter of nomination from the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Alberta and three supporting reference letters from colleagues at different institutions. I asked my colleagues Jerome Cranston from the University of Manitoba and Renee Kuchapski from Brock University to join me on the selection committee. We reviewed the materials submitted on behalf of the nominee and agreed that the candidate should receive the award. In accordance with CASEA tradition, the name of the recipient was announced and the award presented at the CASEA banquet on May 31, 2010, to Dr. Tim Goddard of the University of Prince Edward Island.

For the 2010 - 2011 academic year, I would recommend that a notice be sent to CASEA members early in the Fall 2010 with respect to the Distinguished Service Award. In particular, members wishing to nominate a colleague for this award need to be aware that the nomination procedures are quite demanding and that it may take a significant amount of time and effort to prepare a suitable nomination package. All required information about the award, including both process and criteria, is clearly and completely provided on the CASEA website. I would also recommend that the committee chair be named early in the fall of each academic year and that contact information for that person be provided to the CASEA webmaster for posting on the website so that questions regarding the award process can be directed to the committee chair in a timely manner.

Ken Brien
2009 -2010 Committee Chair