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From: Brenda Spencer  
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Re: Chair's Report for CASEA AGM: 2019 CASEA Distinguished Service Award Committee

This is the fifth year that I have served as the Chair of the CASEA Distinguished Service Award Committee. The following is an account of the Committee activities of this past year.

At the end of November 2019, an email call for nominations for the Distinguished Service Award was circulated to all CASEA members. Then, in mid-January, an email reminder of the February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for nomination submissions was sent.

I received one nomination for the Award, submitted by Dr. Dawn Wallin (University of Saskatchewan). Nevertheless, following what we have done in the past for a single nomination, I sent out the nomination package to be adjudicated by three reviewers to ensure that the award goes to a deserving candidate. As I had expected, after reviewing the nomination package, by early May all committee members indicated that the nominee was indeed an excellent and most-deserving candidate.

On May 14, 2020, I contacted CASEA President, Dr. Shelleyann Scott, to report that the CASEA Distinguished Service Award for this year will go to Dr. Ken Brien of the University of New Brunswick. I contacted Dr. Wallin, as she had indicated that, as the nominator, she would like to share the news with Dr. Brien before a more public announcement was made. On May 19, 2020, Dr. Scott and I then send out an announcement to the CASEA membership that Dr. Brien is this year's recipient of the DSA.

Of course, when the nomination package was sent out for reviewed, we had no idea that we would be hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and that CSSE would be cancelled. Due to the cancellation, we will not be able to officially recognize Dr. Brien in person, but we will look forward to doing so at our CASEA Banquet next year in Edmonton at Congress 2021, at the University of Alberta.

In preparation for the award ceremony next year, as we have done in the past, the CSA Committee will contact nominator, Dr. Wallin, to request that she make the Award presentation to Dr. Brien. The committee will also order a 2019 CASEA Distinguished Service Award plaque to be given to Dr. Brien. Based on past cost, I expect the plaque to be approximately \$100.00.

Many thanks to the members of the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve CASEA in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, DSA Committee

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