

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### *CELEBRATE: to commemorate with ceremony or festivity\**

Turning fifty is a popular thing to do these days. Just like the airport shuttle, everybody's doin' it—you, me, Letty Cottin Pogrebin\*\*, even NCNMLG! Did you know our chapter will be fifty years old on November 12, 1997? Chapter officers and committee chairs are already making plans to ensure that our celebration of a half century is a special one. Nancy Zinn, Archivist, is writing our chapter history. Mary Buttner, Heidi Heilemann, and Patrick Newell, of the Electronics Resources Committee, are designing a commemorative chapter poster for NCNMLG and an enhancement to our already award-winning NCNWeb Web site. Finally, Andrea Woodruff, Program Chair, is breaking out the birthday candles in November for a chapter party to remember the day when thirteen librarians from nine institutions in San Francisco and Berkeley met to organize the *Medical Librarians of the Bay Area*, which later became known as Northern California and Nevada Medical Librarians Group.

I think it is very fitting that MLA is doubling the fun. They have twice as much to celebrate as they are turn *one hundred* years old in 1998. MLA will host their Centennial celebration at their Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, May 22-27. Many special events are being planned for this once-in-a-life-time celebration. Watch for details in later issues of this newsletter.

I hope you will capitalize on these exciting events to advocate and publicize the important role that health sciences librarians play in providing health professionals and the public with information to make informed choices concerning healthcare and wellness. For example, did you know that the entire month of October has just been designated Medical Librarian's month? Then in February, 12-14 to be exact, we will join MLGSCA for the Joint Meeting in Tucson,

Arizona. National Library Week, April 19-25, is another traditional time to celebrate librarianship, and don't forget that Thursday of that week is always designated Special Librarians Day. Why not plan a special party, or teach a class to enhance your professional image and the role of medical librarians as an information resource?

According to Letty Cottin Pogrebin, speaker for the recent MLA Plenary Address, her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday was a time to stop and reflect. It was a time to take stock of past accomplishments and define future challenges. Collectively and individually this is a great year to promote our image and to educate the institutions and individuals whom we serve. So let us go forth and—CELEBRATE !

*Dorothy Thurmond*  
1997/98 NCNMLG President

\* Webster's New World Dictionary. Second College Edition, 1980

\*\* See review of Ms. Pogrebin's MLA Plenary Address in this issue of the Newsletter (p. 7)

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## THANK YOU LAURIE...

The chapter joins me in thanking you for the outstanding job you did as President of NCNMLG for the 1996-97 term. Your exceptional leadership has been a benefit to the chapter and a tribute of your devotion to NCNMLG.

The *Policy and Procedural Manual*, which you began working on as Secretary in 1994 and completed during your presidency in 1997, is an invaluable resource for the officers and committee chairs of the group. Everything about how the chapter functions is in this manual. After writing the 'book' it is no surprise that you have the answers, Laurie, or at least know where to find them!

Thank you for attending all of our chapter meetings and for keeping us focused and organized in achieving the goals we set out to accomplish. Thank you for being a willing and valuable resource for the chapter and for your skill, patience, and good-natured spirit which came through as you handled your duties this year. It's been a pleasure working with you and learning from you. The chapter recognizes a job well done..."THANK YOU".

*Dorothy Thurmond*  
NCNMLG Vice-President 1996/97

## MLA BYLAWS REVISION

### *MLA's Requirements for Chapters to be Amended*

At Business Session I, on Sunday, May 25, 10:30-noon, at the 1997 Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, MLA members discussed the following bylaws changes which would affect chapters:

\*Eliminate the requirement that a chapter for a period of three consecutive years must maintain a membership of MLA Voting Members equal to one-half of the association's Voting Members within the chapter's boundaries.

\*Change the requirement that only Voting Members of the association may serve as chairs of chapter committees. This new requirement provides that only Voting Members of the association may serve as chairs of chapter and section standing committees, thereby permitting non-MLA members to chair chapter ad hoc committees and task forces.

Voting Members will receive this material during the summer of 1997.

These amendments to the Bylaws and Special Rules of Order provide chapters with more flexibility to include non-MLA members in important leadership roles, allowing greater participation from all chapter members regardless of whether or not they also belong to MLA.

—Heidi Heilemann  
MLA Chapter Council Representative

## NCNWEB—OUR PRESENCE ON THE WEB

Visit <<http://www-ncnmlg.stanford.edu:5000>>, our chapter's *award-winning* Web site! Award winning, because it was chosen as the 1997 Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award. Hats off to Mary Buttner, Patrick Newell, and Heidi Heilemann, of the Electronics Resources Committee, whose outstanding leadership efforts made this project a reality.

NCNWeb is a service that is available to all members and potential members who seek information about the chapter. It contains information about the membership, a calendar of events, publications, the chapter constitution and bylaws, chapter history, and a membership application form. It promotes the professional image of medical librarians and makes chapter information available at the desktop. Visit our Web site today!

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## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS...**

CREENTIALING; LIAISON; 1999 JOINT MEETING CHAIRS (team of 3 needed); PARLIAMENTARIAN;  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

If you can volunteer for one of the above posts, please contact Dorothy Thurmond, President, NCNMLG at:  
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## **NCNMLG/MLA**

### **1997/98 GOALS**

At this year's Transitional Board Meeting, 25 members met to discuss NCNMLG's goals for 1997/98. Based on the framework of goals established by MLA, the chapter developed the following objectives for the coming year.

#### **MLA GOAL 1: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- A) Raise the level of members' knowledge about electronic resources and associated licensing issues in order to guide librarians in providing appropriate access.
- B) Strengthen MLA's educational role through innovative programming responsive to members' needs for both immediate skills and career development.

#### **NCNMLG GOALS:**

- A) Focus programs and Continuing Education classes on topics dealing with electronic resources and licensing issues.
- B) Encourage member participation in presenting posters and papers at regional and national conferences on topics of electronic resources and licensing issues.

#### **MLA GOAL 2: ADVOCACY**

- A) Capitalize on the opportunities presented by the association's centennial celebration to advocate and publicize the prime role health sciences librarians play in making quality information available to health professionals and the public.
- B) Build MLANET as a robust source of current, rapidly changing information and as a source of services for members.
- C) Expand association membership through work with local chapters and through programs and services that address the needs of a broad range of health information professionals.

#### **NCNMLG GOALS:**

- A) Expand on the opportunity of NCNMLG's 50th anniversary to raise the visibility of health sciences librarians to health professionals and the public.
- B) Maintain NCNWeb as a way of informing and communicating with members regarding our organization.
- C) Build a hotlink from our NCNWeb site to that of MLANET.

#### **MLA GOAL 3: ORGANIZATION**

- A) Review MLA's strategic plan and revise as needed to foster activities focusing on changing environments.

#### **NCNMLG GOALS:**

- A) Produce and distribute the Union List of Serials.
- B) Update chapter bylaws.
- C) Revise and enhance the format of the chapter newsletter.
- D) Officers, Chairs, and anyone who produces documentation and publications will submit said material to the Documentation Committee in electronic format for inclusion on NCNWeb.
- E) Increase the percentage of members who use e-mail and participate in the NCNMLG listserv.

#### **MLA GOAL 4: RESEARCH**

- A) Encourage research by promoting evidence-based practice in librarianship and through librarians' teaching such skills to health professional students.

#### **NCNMLG GOAL:**

- A) Devise a research project that will promote and enhance the goals and mission of the membership.

## ***DIRECTIONS FOR NCNMLG LISTSERV***

General listserv: [ncnmlg@krypton.stanford.edu](mailto:ncnmlg@krypton.stanford.edu)

Board listserv: [ncnmlgbd@krypton.stanford.edu](mailto:ncnmlgbd@krypton.stanford.edu)

Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to either or both of these lists. They are very low volume lists designed for communication of important information from NCNMLG to its members. They won't fill your mailbox with too many messages. The only time you will need to unsubscribe is when your e-mail number changes. In this case two actions are necessary. You will need to unsubscribe your old e-mail number and then subscribe the new number. This keeps our listserv current!

### **TO SUBSCRIBE:**

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or **subscribe ncnmlgbd**

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action [listserv] {e-mail address}  
where xxxxx = old e-mail #

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## ***MLANET—MLA ON THE WEB***

Be sure to visit MLA's new home page on the Web at <http://www.kumc.edu/MLA>. This is the home page of the Medical Library Association, a professional organization of more than 1,200 institutions and 4,000 professionals in the Health Information field. Their Web site provides information about their new books, BibKits, DocKits, Annual Meeting dates, professional standards, MLA Board of Directors, certification, and a membership application form and much more. It also has a hot link from their site to our chapter Web page. Check it out today!

## ***JOB ANNOUNCEMENT***

Medical Staff Librarian, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Monterey, CA  
Salary is competitive and dependent on experience and qualifications; excellent benefits package

Responsibilities: 38 hr/wk appointment. The selected candidate will report to the Medical Staff Coordinator. Responsible for the everyday operation and management of the Medical Staff Library, including library planning activities under the direction of the CME/Library/Community Health Committee and performance of all administrative, technical service and reference functions. The Medical Staff Librarian will select, acquire and maintain book, journal, and media collections, perform database searches for information retrieval, provide interlibrary loan services, promote end-user searching and access to library collections, and provide leadership towards effective integration and utilization of CD-ROM technology and Internet-based resources.

Qualifications: Master's degree in Library Science from an ALA-accredited program and minimum 2 years professional experience in a medical or science library. Experience searching Medline/Medlars databases, familiarity with PC-based systems within a Windows environment, and knowledge of standard Internet applications, including WWW resources in health/medicine.

Application: Send resume or letter requesting application to Helga Dresser, Medical Staff Coordinator, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Box HH, Monterey, CA 93942. Position available July 14. Review of applications will continue until successful candidate is selected.

# CALENDAR CALENDAR CALENDAR

<b>JULY</b>	1	Copy deadline for July/August Newsletter
	1	Budget forecasts mailed by Treasurer
	1	NCNMLG dues renewal mailed
	15	Newsletter mailed
	31	Participant Directory updates due for Union List of Serials
	31	NCNMLG dues delinquent
<b>AUGUST</b>	4	Budget forecasts due to Treasurer
	TBA	Ballots mailed by MLA on Bylaws change
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1	Copy deadline for September/October Newsletter
	15	Newsletter mailed
	15-19?	Fall Board meeting and program
	TBA	Paper/poster abstracts due for Joint Meeting—Tucson
	TBA	Union List of Serials available for purchase
	1-31	NCNMLG Awards & Honors nominations accepted
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1-31	Medical Librarians month—celebrate!
	TBA	Fall CE class (mid-month)
	15	Nominating Cmtte. begins work on 1998 slate of officers
	1-31	NCNMLG Awards & Honors nominations accepted
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1	Copy deadline for November/December Newsletter
	1	MLA Honors nominations due
	15	Newsletter mailed
	12	Chapter's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary date—program
	15-18	CLA meeting—Pasadena
	TBA	Officer and committee reports due for MLA mid-winter report
<b>DECEMBER</b>	1	MLA Scholarships and Grants applications due
	15	Deadline for nominations to Awards & Honors Committee
	TBA	Deadline for acceptance of papers/posters to Joint Meeting

## SPECIAL THANKS...

I want to thank all Committee Chairs, and Task Force members that are continuing their posts for this year, which was most of you! Please see 1997/98 list of Officers and Committee Chairs in this issue. I also want to give special thanks to those of you joining the Board this year as a new Committee Chair, Task Force Chair or Appointee. Your leadership is important and your time is appreciated by the Group. New Board members for the 1997/98 term are:

Betty (Maddalena) Moore	Awards and Honors Chair
Nancy Mangum	CE Committee Chair
James Liu	Membership Chair
Maria Feng	MLA Membership Representative
Sharon Hunt	Newsletter Chair
Sarah Burton	Paraprofessional Chair

## MLA ANNUAL MEETING

### Plenary Session III Address

*Will We Change the Aging Process or Will the Aging Process Change Us?*

**Letty Cottin Pogrebin, author**

Article by Dorothy Thurmond

Letty Pogrebin, wife, mother, political activist, and best-selling author, gave a humorous and thought-provoking talk about her personal experience of coping with being 50. Years before the BIG birthday she found herself noticing annoying outward signs of the inevitable aging process. Graying hair and decreased energy level were to be expected, but when she suddenly began to notice that her memory wasn't as good as it used to be, she really began to panic. She said she had never considered herself to be a terrific beauty, instead priding herself on her sharp mind. So when she recognized this inward sign of the aging process she began to worry, and the worry led to depression.

As she approached her 50th birthday she also began to reflect. She remembered that her own mother had died at the age of 52. Letty saw this birthday as a step towards her own mortality. She also began to see it as a step towards inevitably losing her loved ones through death.

In an effort to break the cycle of depression, she decided to give herself a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Not the kind where everyone brings gag gifts, including black balloons, but one with more focus and purpose. One that was designed to help her see how her friends were dealing with the aging process, so that she might gain a positive perspective.

From her close-knit group of girlfriends, Letty selected those that were within 12 months of being 50 years old. Each friend was asked to bring a picture of herself when she was at her very best in life and be prepared to tell the group why. The pictures varied. One gal, just recently divorced from 'Mr. Big Shot' (identity not revealed), brought a picture *not* of the two of them together, but of herself that very morning! She explained that she was just now finally discovering her true self and her own identity and that now *every* day she is the best she can be. Another friend bought a picture of herself when she was 6 years old on the day her father

returned from WWII. Her face, in the picture, was lit up with immense joy. This was when this person was her best in life.

Through the birthday experience Letty began to view her future differently. With a daughter who was 30 at the time, she realized that at 50 (and given the current life expectancy), she had enough time to 'grow' a whole new person. Letty has taken control of her fears about growing older and is now working on 'growing' a whole new person—herself. She has added personal challenges to her life and challenged all of us to do the same. The finale came when she had the audience stand up decade-by-decade to be recognized.

An audiocassette copy of her lecture is available on two-week loan by writing PSRMLS, or by requesting it through e-mail at: <mcdonald@library.ucla.edu>. The item number is GS7. You may also be interested in reading Letty's recent book entitled *Getting Over Getting Older*. I encourage you to connect with the wisdom and humor of Letty Cottin Pogrebin.

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## 1998 MLGSCA/NCNMLG

### JOINT MEETING

*Infinite Vistas: Creating the Future,  
Celebrating the Past*

February 12-14, 1998

Tucson, Arizona

Website Announcement

<http://ahsl.arizona.edu/infinitevistas/>

You will find a variety of links to the many colorful and exciting features of Tucson and its surrounding areas in southern Arizona.

The website presently holds only preliminary items on the joint meeting program and arrangements. But as the summer progresses, the site will be enriched with additional program information.

So keep coming back!

—Donna Geromotta

*Publicity Chair for the Joint Meeting*

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
& NEVADA  
MEDICAL LIBRARY GROUP**

***Business Meeting***

*Stanford University Medical Center,  
26 March 1997, 5:00 p.m.*

*Minutes*

1. The President (Laurie Potter) called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and welcomed the members to the Business Meeting, preceding a program on Internet Indexes and Search Engines.
2. Laurie Potter reviewed highlights from her Annual Report as submitted to MLA on March 21.
3. The President outlined for members the discussions that had taken place at the meeting of the Executive Board earlier in the afternoon. The board was concerned by the lack of members able and willing to volunteer their time. NCNMLG needs volunteers to run for officers, chair the committees of the Board, or become members of those committees. Various ideas had been discussed to explain this reluctance and how to solve the problem. The Board will continue to review possible ways to alleviate if not solve the problem at its next meeting.

There is a new deadline for submitting corrections to the SERHOLD record of libraries' journal holdings: April 30. This will allow the corrected entries to be included in the forthcoming update of the Group's Union List.

The Board is continuing discussions about how to charge for services to institutions.

The Group's membership currently stands at 300, of whom 219 (73%) have reported they have access to the Internet.

The program to follow this business Meeting attracted 45 members attending. The Joint Meeting in Berkeley involved a lot of hard work by a core group of NCNMLG members, but was a great success, made a profit, and attracted 277 attendees.

4. Janice Perlman-Stites urged everyone to send in their ILL coupons to be redeemed as there are almost 73,000 in circulation right now.

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald Saunders, Secretary*

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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
& NEVADA  
MEDICAL LIBRARY GROUP  
*Meeting of the Executive Board***

*Stanford, 26 March 1997, 3:00 p.m.*

Present: Nancy Austin, Maria Feng, Heidi Heilemann, James Liu, Janet Morrison, Michael Newman, Sara Pimental, Laurie A. Potter, Gerald Saunders, Rochelle Schmalz, Anne Shew, Dorrie Slutsker, Debbie Sommer, and Dorothy Thurmond.

After announcing that a quorum was present, The President (Laurie Potter) called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

1. Minutes, Meeting of the Executive Board, 7 November 1996

The Minutes were approved as previously circulated, without further comment.

2. Lack of Volunteers for 1997/98 Elections  
The President introduced a wide-ranging discussion to consider possible reasons and solutions for the dearth of members willing to become involved in NCNMLG activities and especially a lack of volunteers willing to run for office. Partly based on a number of responses to an e-mail message, distributed a list she had compiled indicating some of the main issues.

*(Executive Board Meeting continued)*

In the course of the discussion it was noted that:

- people feel the need for satisfaction in contributing to something new (in contrast to old issues that are never resolved)
- finding candidates to run for office required phoning about 30 people this year. However, it was noted that a call for candidates was not submitted to the newsletter as has been done in previous years. This might have elicited more volunteers
- there is a perception that the board does not resolve issues, leading to tiresome meetings
- NCNMLG covers a large geographic area, with implications for time and financial expense for people attending meetings
- there is an unwillingness to join MLA as well as NCNMLG (reducing the number of potential candidates for the Board, all of whom need to be MLA members)
- business and other meetings of the membership attract a relatively low turnout (roughly 40, out of a membership of 300), so it may not be worth officers and Board member expending so much effort on meetings and programs

Possible solutions suggested included:

- NCNMLG could pay the MLA membership dues in (selected) cases of hardship
- NCNMLG could pay all of the expenses of the President (in addition to the current provision for expenses related to attending the MLA Annual Meeting)
- responsibilities of individual officers, committees etc. could be divided among a larger number
- mailing out the ballot (which takes a considerable amount of time each year) could be contracted out to a commercial operation
- concentrate the Board's business in fewer meetings of the Board, and increase the number of educational programs

- make a greater effort to welcome and involve new members, e.g., by designating a mentor for the new member's first meeting
- waive the fee for new members attending their first meeting
- revive a telephone (or e-mail) tree for more direct communication with members

The Board agreed to continue the discussion at its next meeting.

### 3. SERHOLD Updating

Dorrie Slutsker reminded the Board that the deadline for updating SERHOLD to allow the next edition of the Union List to reflect most accurately the current situation was 30 April. There continued to be a number of problems with the on-line system. Eight NCNMLG members had agreed to input data for other libraries, for a small fee.

After discussion (which also considered the long-range implications of the updating process) the Board agreed that it was not necessary to advertise the data-entry service; and that the service could be made available to members of MLGSCA (who reportedly have no similar service of their own in operation).

The Board discussed the problem of notifying the NCNMLG members about SERHOLD and other important matters in a timely way. It was noted that e-mail is an effective method but that many members have not subscribed to the NCNMLG listserv. James Liu volunteered to obtain information about NCNMLG members who have e-mail addresses but no subscription to the listserv. It was agreed that the advantages (and mechanism) for joining the listserv should be highlighted in the Newsletter.

### 4. Institutional Fees

In the course of continued discussion of this subject, it was emphasized that the fees concerned were for services provided direct to institutions, and were in no sense membership fees; also noted that administering such fees would place an unacceptable additional burden on the Membership Committee. Rochelle Schmalz reported on her discussions with Terri

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*(Executive Board Meeting; continued)*

Malmgren and Ysabel Bertolucci and proposed that a separate chair could be designated to deal with such services. Some members of the Board felt that the existing ILL/Union List Committee would be appropriate to deal with this issue. Dorothy Thurmond noted that she has not yet appointed a chair for that Committee in 1997/98, and that the current chair will not continue for a further year. Most members would not be affected by such fees, which would normally apply where a single member was responsible for library services at more than on institution.

Without a chair of the ILL/Union List Committee, the matter remained unresolved. Rochelle Schmalz noted that she felt the discussion have already been too prolonged, and that she would not be willing to serve on a revived task force for institutional fees. The outgoing President (Laurie Potter) agreed to discuss the issue with the Incoming President (Dorothy Thurmond) and attempt to resolve the problems of implementing the 1995 resolution.

5. Joint Meeting

Kim Goldman-Schwartz reported that the Meeting had gone well, with positive responses received from participants. An estimated profit of approximately \$6,000 had been made. Various statistics relating to the Joint Meeting had been incorporated by Laurie Potter in her Annual Report to MLA.

6. Program Report

Dorothy Thurmond noted that 41 members had registered for the program following the Board Meeting, and that she expected to make a profit on the proceedings.

7. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Sommer presented a written report, noting that the overall balance of funds (after allowing for liability of ILL coupons in circulation) was \$31,428.50. The budget was on track, within acceptable limits. Debbie was exploring the possibility of having the NCNMLG accounts professionally audited by an accountant specializing in non-profit operations. This would be particularly helpful in monitoring the Group's tax payments, and in guiding the Treasurer about the restricted potential for investing surplus funds, in connection with the difference between a profit-making and a non-profit entity.

8. Membership Report

Maria Feng (Membership Chair) reported that the total membership of NCNMLG stood at 300, of whom 219 (73%) had indicated they had access to the Internet.

9. "Citizen One" software endorsement

It was noted that only one member of the Board (Laurie Potter) had used the software in its beta-test version. Consequently, the Board decided against a formal endorsement by NCNMLG, noting that the Group has no policy on endorsement of products, with vendor relations normally being restricted to exhibitors at the Joint Meeting. It was suggested that the Newsletter Editor consider the possibility of soliciting a review of the software for publication in the Newsletter, and agree to refer to the vendor to MLA to seek their endorsement of the product.

10. New Business

a. MLA Chapter Incentive

Laurie Potter and Maria Feng briefly described the recent MLA recruitment package, as detailed in a packet The President received from MLA headquarters (and which was spassed to Maria Feng for the Membership Committee).

b. MLA Chapter Project Award

Heidi Heilemann reported from the MLA Chapter council on the concept of the Award, and agreed to report back to MLA the Board's concern about the organization of the award process, particularly the poor communication between MLA and the Chapters.

The President (Laurie Potter) adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald Saunders, Secretary*

*Nominations Due for  
NCNMLG Award for Professional Excellence*

The purpose of this award is to recognize an NCNMLG member for significant contributions to NCNMLG and to health sciences librarianship. Previous recipients are Ysabel Bertolucci, Jacqueline Wilson, Leonard Shapiro, Jo Anne Boorkman and Nancy Zinn.

Criteria for the award include the following:

1. Candidate's contributions are significant towards the advancement of health sciences librarianship through the endeavors of NCNMLG.
2. Candidate's contributions may include, but are not limited to, service to the group, publications, presentations and projects.

Recipients receive a check for \$200.00 and a commemorative plaque.

If you would like to nominate someone, please complete the form below (or facsimile) and send it with a letter of nomination to the Awards and Honors Committee. Additional information about the award is available from the chair of the committee: Betty Moore (209) 385-7051.

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**DEADLINE for nomination is December 15, 1997.**

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**PLEASE STATE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE CANDIDATE DESERVES TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD:**

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