

January 2014

Three members of the awards committee saw their terms end in 2013: Michael Balogh (Waterloo), Ethan Vishniac (Saskatchewan) and Jasper Wall (UBC). In July, three replacements were added, so that the awards committee for 2014 consists of the following:

- Patrick Cote, Chair (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- Paul Charbonneau (2013, 2014, 2015)
- **Ray Jaywardhana (2014, 2015, 2016)**
- **Levon Pegosian (2014, 2015, 2016)**
- Samar Safi-Harb (2012, 2013, 2014)
- Ian Short (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- **Kristine Spekkens (2014, 2015, 2016)**
- Tracy Webb (2013, 2014, 2015)

The three incoming members are highlighted in bold.

CASCA awards bestowed in 2013 were:

- The **Qilak Award**: awarded to James Hesser (NRC, HIA).
- The **Peter G. Martin Award**: awarded to Victoria Kaspi (McGill University).
- The **J.S. Plaskett Medal**: awarded to Dr. Yasuhiro Hasegawa (McMaster University --> ASIAA).
- The **Petrie Prize Lecture**: awarded to Prof. Francoise Combes (LERMA, Observatoire de Paris).

An announcement about the four (4) awards that will be given out in 2014 will be sent to the CASCA community later this week:

1. **Carlyle S. Beals Award**: "Awarded to a Canadian astronomer, or an astronomer working in Canada, in recognition of outstanding achievement in research (either as a specific achievement or as a lifetime of researcher)."
2. **J.S. Plasket Medal**: "Awarded to the Ph.D. graduate student from a Canadian university who is judged to have submitted the most outstanding doctoral thesis in astronomy or astrophysics in the preceding two calendar years."
3. **Qilak Award**: "Awarded to a Canadian resident, or a team of residents, who have made an outstanding contribution either to the public understanding and appreciation of astronomy in Canada, or to informal astronomy education in Canada".
[Selection to be made in consultation with the Education and Public Outreach Committee.]

4. Dunlap Award for Innovation in Astronomical Research Tools:

"Awarded to an individual or team for the design, invention, or improvement of instrumentation or software that has enabled significant advances in astronomy."

Finally, the current committee chair has served in this capacity for three years, and his term on the committee ends in mid 2014. Thus, sometime in the spring, the Board may wish to consider appointing his successor.