

The awards committee for 2014 was composed of the following members:

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

Three members of the committee have seen their terms end in 2014: P. Cote, S. Safi-Harb and I. Short. The CASCA board will therefore need to identify replacements for these three members in the coming months. As the current committee chair is one of the out-going committee members, the board will also need to identify a new chair.

The recommendations of the awards committee for 2014 were the following:

- \* \*J.S. Plaskett Medal\*. Dr. Andy Pon, of the University of Victoria for his thesis "Shocks, Superbubbles, and Filaments: Investigations into Large Scale Gas Motions in Giant Molecular Clouds".
- \* \*Carlyle S. Beals Award\*. Prof. Harvey B. Richer, of the University of British Columbia.
- \* \*Qilak Award\*. Prof. Howard Trottier, of Simon Fraser University.
- \* \*Dunlap Award for Innovation in Astronomical Research Tools\*. Prof. Matt Dobbs, of McGill University.

The awards will be bestowed at the upcoming AGM in Quebec City. The committee was extremely impressed with the quality of this years nominees for all four awards, and was especially gratified to see strong community response for the inaugural Dunlap Award (in terms of both quality and quantity of nominations).

Finally, the committee would like to reiterate two recommendations made last year concerning the Plaskett Medal nominations:

- \* "Increasingly, Ph.D. theses consist of published, multi-author papers. In some cases during this years evaluations of the Plaskett nominees, the exact contributions of the nominee to the published papers were unclear."
- \* "We recommend that the awards website be modified to ask nominators

to explicitly lay out the contributions of the nominee in cases where the thesis is made up of research papers with many co-authors."

Since this can be a critical issue in evaluating the nominees, we recommend that the CASCA websites and announcements be revised to indicate that this is a critically important part of the nomination package. At present, this point has perhaps not been emphasized strongly enough in messages to the CASCA exploder or on the CASCA website.

Pat Cote on behalf of the CASCA Awards Committee