

## **NOMINATION FORM**

### **THE 2013 JOHN R. FINNEGAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD**

Presented by the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MnCOGI)

The Finnegan Freedom of Information award is annually presented by MnCOGI in the spirit of Mr. Finnegan's efforts to assure the public's access to information held by its government. The award may be given to individuals or organizations. Please provide contact information below for both the nominator and the nominee. If you have questions, please send them to [mncogi@gmail.com](mailto:mncogi@gmail.com).

The recipient of this year's Finnegan Award will be announced prior to the award ceremony, which will take place on Friday, March 14, 2013 at 4:00 pm at the Hennepin County Library, Minneapolis Central Library.

All nominations must be emailed to [mncogi@gmail.com](mailto:mncogi@gmail.com) by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 1, 2013.

More information about the John R. Finnegan Freedom of Information award can be found on our site at: <http://www.mncogi.org/finnegan-foi-award/>

Name and preferred means of contact (e-mail, phone, street address) of nominator:

Name and preferred means of contact (e-mail, phone, street address) of nominee:

*Tell the Award Selection Committee, which is the MnCOGI Board, how the nominee has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the freedom and power of information to effect change. Please address any statements that are relevant to your nominee and be sure that the end result is no longer than 3 pages.*

Tell the MnCOGI Board how your nominee has:

1. Advocated for the public's right to know via legislative, administrative or other policies;
2. Used technology and other means to facilitate access to government information;
3. Educated the public on the importance of freedom of information;
4. Taken action to assure that government and other institutions comply with the law and policies that maximize transparency;

5. Operated a library, government agency, organization or other institutions in a manner that afforded the greatest possible access to government information;

6. Challenged forms of authority that thwart the objective of assuring the existence of an informed electorate through access to government information;  
AND/OR,

7. Found ways to link the idea of freedom of information to the Bill of Rights and especially to the First Amendment.

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Thank you for your nomination!