



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS JOHN R. (JACK) VALLENTYNE AWARD

Deadline: March 1

Each year the International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) solicits nominations for this outreach award honoring the late John R. (Jack) Vallentyne. Dr. Vallentyne (aka "Johnny Biosphere") not only had a long and distinguished career as a scientist, but also dedicated decades of work to education and outreach. A list of previous winners is available at iaglr.org/awards-scholarships/vallentyne-award/.



Eligibility

Individuals or teams (individuals who together contributed to education/outreach outcomes) eligible for this award can work on any [great lake of the world](#), including North American Great Lakes, African Great Lakes, or others. Deserving candidates should have contributed substantially to the education and outreach in the great lakes community (children and/or adults) for 20 years or more and their outreach accomplishments should be beyond the local community. Educators, environmental journalists, and others bridging the gap between the science community and an informed, involved public are eligible for this award.

Membership of nominee(s) in IAGLR is not necessary; however, nominations must be submitted by an IAGLR member in good standing with the association.

Submission

Please submit a nomination letter with three letters of support. The letter should clearly indicate how the nominee(s) has/have made a notable contribution to the advancement of understanding of great lakes regional issues and problems through education and/or outreach activities targeted to the general public (children and/or adults) and policymakers.

Submit nominations to the chair(s) of the IAGLR Communications and Outreach Committee at commchair@iaglr.org and cc mcintyre@iaglr.org.

Judging Criteria

Candidates are nominated at the discretion of the IAGLR Communications and Outreach Committee. The judging panel will largely base their decision on three criteria:

Contribution: The significance of the education/outreach in the basins of the great lakes.

Scope: The influence of the contribution beyond a local great lakes community.

Impact: The translation of great lakes research results into education/outreach activities that likely had positive impacts on scientifically based resource management and/or policy decisions, or likely contributed to the building of a great lakes constituency in support of great lakes protection and restoration.