

Pat Miller Observer Corps Award Guidelines League of Women Voters of Door County

The Pat Miller Observer Corp Award is not necessarily an annual award but is given when it is merited, and one may be given each year in each calendar year.

Nominations may be presented to the Observer Core Coordinator or the Coordinator may nominate one of the observers.

The award is given to any member of the observer corps who has always kept specific focus on the open meetings law during observations, i.e. the observer understands that a meeting may follow the open meeting law even if he/she personally disagrees with the actions taken or outcomes of meetings. In addition, the observer has displayed exceptional skills in one or more of the following areas:

1. Has shown perseverance and an ability to follow through in the face of difficult situations such as an actual breach of open meetings law or hostility from an elected official OR
2. Has developed positive relationships with officials which resulted in better adherence to the open meeting law OR
3. Has educated or informed the public about open meetings law compliance or has educated and informed officials about the open meetings laws OR
4. Has notified the local league about pertinent issues that have arisen during observed meetings and for which the LWV of DC has established a position, so that LWV of DC may address those issues through programming, editorials, educational campaigns, etc. OR
5. Has given significant time to observing meetings.