



ETRO NY LABOR
COMMUNICATIONS
AWARDS FOR
WORK IN
2017

The only New York Area competition that recognizes excellence among labor journalists, photographers, graphic artists, designers and videographers ■ Judges are experts from the labor press, mainstream press and academia. ■ The Metro New York Labor Communications Council is dedicated to recognizing, celebrating, and encouraging union publications and works in other labor media. Winning a Communications Award calls attention to your staff's talents and achievements in delivering media's message. ■ We encourage you to submit work from traditional media to new media and everything in between as we aim to broaden the scope of labor communications for the benefit of all in the labor movement. From the local newsletter to digital communications, there is a category for your publication. ■ Individuals and their work are recognized during this year's awards ceremony at Metro's annual convention taking place on May 11. First place winners will also be honored in our annual journal. ■ METRO NEW YORK LABOR COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL IS AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, AFL-CIO

NEW CATEGORY
Best Non-English
Member
Communications

ENTRY DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 23, 2018

ENTRY RULES AND FEES

MARY HEATON VORSE AWARD

A maximum of three entries may be submitted for an individual but there is no limit to the number of entries a publication can submit. Only one award will be presented. Fee: \$25 per entry. No circulation classes.

THE MATT DOHERTY & GWEN WELLS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BROADCAST MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

There is a limit of three entries in this category. Fee: \$25 per entry. Only one award will be presented.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE—PRINT (HARD COPY ONLY)

A publication may submit only one entry for General Excellence. The one entry is to consist of three consecutive issues published between January 1 and December 31 of the contest year. Three sets of the three consecutive issues are required. Fee: \$25 for circulation Class A and \$35 for Class B.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE—WEBSITE

Website entries will be judged on current sites. Fee: \$25 for circulation Class A and \$35 for Class B.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES

A publication may submit a maximum of three entries in each of the Special Performance categories. No entry may be submitted in more than one category. Fee: \$10 per entry. If three entries are submitted for Category 1, Best Feature, for example, Fee: \$30.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE—Associate Member

PRINT—HARD COPY ONLY

This award will be granted for excellence in all facets of the publication—writing, layout graphics, content, art and other journalistic elements. Judges will base decisions on 3 consecutive issues, published between January 1 and December 31, 2017. Fee: \$25.

WEBSITE

This award honors excellence in all facets of a website including timely and relevant news, user interface and accessibility and the effective use of graphic, typographic, layout and structural elements. Fee: \$25.

ALL ENTRIES this year must be submitted online, except for the categories listed directly below.

The Contest website is at contest.metrolabornyc.org.

Entries for General Excellence in print must be made by hard copy. Three sets of three consecutive issues are required, no exceptions. (See last page for forms.)

Video submissions and entries for the Doherty-Well award may be submitted as URLs (hosted or archived) or on CD or DVD. When submitting video for Doherty-Wells entries on CD or DVD, please submit three copies.

For general contest questions please contact Denise Shavers, miden@jps.net. For specific questions about the contest website, contact Margarita Aguilar, metrolabornyc@gmail.com

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GENERAL EXCELLENCE – PRINT This award honors excellence in all facets of the publication — writing, layout graphics, content, art and other journalistic elements. Judges will base decisions on 3 consecutive issues, published between January 1 and December 31, 2017. **Please submit 3 hard copies of each of the issues.**

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SPECIAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES — PRINT

Category 1: BEST FEATURE WRITING recognizes feature stories that are told in a fresh or effective way.

Category 2: BEST NEWS WRITING honors excellence in news stories and recognizes quality, in-depth reporting and analysis.

Category 3: BEST PHOTOGRAPH awards photographs that present the union's story in a different way, not in the usual V-is-for-Victory clichés or headshots. The photo must be original to the publication and must be taken by a union member, staff member or an outside photographer hired expressly for the publication.

Category 4: BEST GRAPHIC DESIGN honors imaginative use of typography, art, photos, cartoons and layout in conveying a message. Entries may include layouts for a front page or articles that span a single or multiple pages.

Category 5: BEST HEADLINE honors headlines that are pithy, compelling and relevant. This category is judged across classes.

Category 6: BEST OP/ED COLUMN honors excellence in opinion/editorials and non-reportorial columns on important issues facing unions and their members. Submissions will be characterized by acuity of analysis, persuasiveness and relative absence of stale rhetoric.

Category 7: BEST ORIGINAL ARTWORK awards imaginative and gripping creative work. Artwork must be original to the publication. Original composites containing recycled elements will be considered.

Category 8: UNIQUE PERFORMANCE recognizes unconventional and innovative approaches to a subject. This entry could be a series, an unexpected take on a common issue, a pull-out section or supplement. In short, it involves anything that eludes categorization.

AWARD CATEGORIES

CIRCULATION CLASSES

CLASS A:

1 TO 25,000 - ENTRY FEE: \$25

CLASS B:

25,001 AND UP - ENTRY FEE: \$35

Mary Heaton Vorse (1874-1966)

An innate rebel, Mary Heaton Vorse was a leading labor journalist whose eloquent prose informed and agitated millions of American readers. Again and again, she sensed where action would begin and covered all the major labor events in the first half of this century. She also wrote as a woman, mother, 1920s Greenwich Village intellectual and a peace and women's suffrage activist. Free of political dogma, and an unconventional thinker, Vorse didn't "fit" into the shifting political groupings of her day. Today, decades later, Vorse's articles, essays and fiction are being rediscovered.

*—Paraphrased from Rebel Pen
by Dee Garrison*

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES – ONLINE

Category 9: BEST WRITING recognizes quality and effectiveness in online writing, including blogs.

Category 10: BEST DESIGN honors the use of graphic and typographic elements and layout to convey a union's ethos while offering users easy access to meaningful content. This category will be judged on the home or index page. This category includes info graphics.

Category 11: BEST E-MAIL NEWSLETTER Breadth of coverage, pithy writing suitable for e-mail, and the use of design elements in support of content. Judges will base decisions on 3 membership newsletters transmitted between January 1 and December 31, 2017.

Category 12: BEST SOCIAL MEDIA recognizes excellence in online projects that elicit participation and interaction. Only one format can be submitted.

Category 13: BEST TWEET recognizes the labor communicator who, in 140 characters or less, most successfully inspired, informed, mobilized, revolutionized, amused or pissed off the Twitter community.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORY – VIDEO

Category 14: BEST VIDEO looks for work that conveys a union's message in a fresh and effective way.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES

Category 15: Best Work by a Member recognizes rank-and-file member contributions in making their union's communications better. Member contributions such as artwork, a photograph, or a print or online article are welcome.

Category 16: Best Writing By a Millennial-Aged Communicator This category recognizes the work of Metro members under the age of 35. Eligible submissions include features, news stories or blog posts that have appeared in digital or traditional media.

Category 17: Best Non-English Member Communications This new award recognizes excellence in content directed to non-English language speakers. Submissions may include, news and feature writing, social media graphics, flyers, handbills and blog posts.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GENERAL
EXCELLENCE SUBMISSIONS, THE SAME
MATERIAL MAY NOT BE
SUBMITTED FOR MORE THAN ONE AWARD.

**AWARDS WILL BE
PRESENTED AT
METRO'S ANNUAL
CONVENTION.**

**FRIDAY
MAY 11, 2018**

Make check payable to:
Metro New York Labor
Communications Council.
Send check and invoice to:
Awards Committee
Metro New York Labor
Communications Council
c/o Denise Shavers
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New York, NY 10007

USING CONTEST WEBSITE – contest.metrolabornyc.org

GETTING STARTED

To submit entries, you first need a contestant account. Click on “Create an Account.” Only 1 user name per union/organization

CREATING AN ACCOUNT

- Click on "Create an Account"
- Fill out the form
- Your account will be confirmed within 24 hours

COMPLETION

When you have submitted all your entries as described in these instructions, click on “My Invoice” on the right-hand side of the screen. This will display a printable copy of your invoice.

Please print out a copy that should be enclosed with your check.

Please mail check and copy of invoice to:

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THE DEADLINE

**Online entries must be submitted by
Friday, February 23.**

**Disks for audio and video entries and General Excellence hard copies should be postmarked no later than
Wednesday, February 21.**

The screenshot shows the homepage for the Metro Labor Communicators Awards. At the top, the title "Metro Labor Communicators Awards" is displayed in a large, bold font. Below the title is a small graphic with the word "Labor" and "Awards" and a photo of people. To the right of the graphic, there is a short description: "The only New York area competition that recognizes excellence among labor journalists, photographers, graphic artists, designers and videographers..". Below this description are two buttons: "Create an account" and "Have an account? Log in". At the bottom of the page, there is a small line of text: "By the Metro New York Labor Communications Council".

The screenshot shows the account creation form. At the top, there is a field for "Requested organizations" with a text input box and a "Create account" button. Below this field is a note: "Enter the names of the organizations on behalf of which you will be submitting entries (if registering as a contestant only)." To the right of the "Requested organizations" field is a "Sign in" button. Below the "Requested organizations" field is the "Personal information" section. It contains four fields: "First name" with a red asterisk, "Last name" with a red asterisk, "Full mailing address" with a red asterisk and a large text area, and "Phone" with a red asterisk and a text input box. Below the "Personal information" section is a section titled "* Select the type of account you wish to create". It has two options: "Judge" (with a checkbox) and "Contestant" (with a checkbox). Below the "Judge" option is the text "Judges of the various ILCA contests." Below the "Contestant" option is the text "Contestants who enter the various ILCA contests." Below the account type selection is a CAPTCHA image showing the words "which" and "twenty" in a stylized font. Below the CAPTCHA image is a text input box with the label "Type the two words:" and a "CAPTCHA" logo. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Submit" and "Cancel".

Only one username and password per union.

Please include your union name within your username.

CHOOSING AN AWARD CATEGORY

Click on "Submit an Entry" in the right-hand column. This will bring up the top menu for submissions. This menu lists the general contest categories. Clicking on a category takes you the next menu where you can choose a specific award. Clicking again permits you to choose the appropriate group. This process can take anywhere from one click to several.

Awards

[Home](#) » [Submit entries](#)

Award

Actions

Mary Heaton Vorse

[Submit Entry](#)

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Doherty/Wells

[Submit Entry](#)

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Best Feature

[Choose Category](#)

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Best News Writing - Print

[Choose Category](#)

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SUBMITTING AN ENTRY

Confirm your union or organization on the entry screen, enter any required additional information, and either upload file(s) or enter URL(s) where material is to be found. In certain categories, notably audio and video, it is also possible to submit physical media.

If you are submitting multiple entries for an award, you will have to go through this process for each entry, starting with choosing the award category.

New Submission

Member A

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★ Required field.

Title

Author

Organizations TWU Local 100

Select the organization on behalf of which you are submitting this piece for consideration.

Submission materials For special performances only 3 entries per category.

You may either upload a file or supply a URL where award judges can access the submission materials. Some awards also allow the physical submission of materials by mailing them to Metro Labor. Please note, some awards require multiple file uploads or URLs.

Submission item No file chosen

Submission item No file chosen

Submission item No file chosen

ENTRY FORMS

Photocopy and attach one label to each entry.

*Member refers to union or institution name

MATT DOHERTY & GWEN WELLS AWARD Member _____ CIRCULATION CLASS <input type="checkbox"/>	MATT DOHERTY & GWEN WELLS AWARD Member _____ CIRCULATION CLASS <input type="checkbox"/>	MATT DOHERTY & GWEN WELLS AWARD Member _____ CIRCULATION CLASS <input type="checkbox"/>
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