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2008 Wade Britzius, Trempealeau County Community Television

2009 Judi Kneece, Janesville JATV

2010 Jon Urben, Oshkosh Community Media

2011 Pam Steitz, Sun Prairie Kids-4

2012 John Jordan, Wausau Area Access Channels

2013 Mary Shanahan-Spanic, West Allis Community Media Center

2014 Connie Darling, Fitchburg FACTv

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Mr. Mick Givens
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Dear Mick,

I have the great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen by the WCM Board of Directors to be the 2015 inductee into the WCM Hall of Fame! Each year, WCM recognizes and inducts one community media professional who has shown great leadership and devotion to the mission of public, education, and government access television -- "empowering people to create media for human purposes." Your 17 years of leadership and devotion to the cause of access is one to be proud of and one WCM is very pleased to recognize.

Your interest in community television began when you were a district manager for Marcus Cable and you said later that unlike many of your associates, "I always found public access to be beneficial to the cable business." In late 1995, you accepted the position of manager of Rice Lake Television. You quickly got to know your peers and freely shared your experience with legal and regulatory aspects of the business. In 1997 you supported the efforts of fellow access managers to organize the Wisconsin Association of PEG Channels. When the first nine-member board of directors was formed, you were on it and served for a three-year term. In February 2009, you returned to the board and served until May 2011, serving first as Secretary of the Board and then as President.

One of your career highlights came in 2002, when the City of Rice Lake defended itself against a complaint CTC Telcom filed with the FCC. CTC argued that its open video system did not have to match the financial and in-kind PEG contributions made by Charter. The FCC found in favor of the City almost entirely. The decision was widely referenced and you and Rice Lake were applauded for standing up for the interests of PEG centers.

WCM would like to present the Hall of Fame award to you at our 2015 Spring Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the Best of the Midwest Video

Fest Banquet and Show. The event is being held at the Downtown Hilton Hotel on Thursday April 30. You and a guest are invited to the Exhibitors Reception at 5:30 pm, the Banquet at 6:30 pm and the Show afterward.

As a member of the WCM Hall of Fame, you will also become an Emeritus Member of WCM. Emeritus members are experienced and talented community media professionals, who have left the field after an extended professional career. Member stations may nominate or the Board of Directors may name former members for this honor. Emeritus members have all the rights of station members; they have a vote in elections and at the annual meeting and are eligible to serve on committees and the Board.

Please let me know if you can be present to accept this award by giving me a call anytime at 608-215-5594. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition and I hope to see you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Cardona". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mary Cardona
Executive Director

cc: WCM members