

NOMINATION FORM
THE JOHN R. FINNEGAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) AWARD
Presented by the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI)

Each year MNCOGI celebrates Freedom of Information Day by presenting the John R. Finnegan Freedom of Information award in the spirit of Mr. Finnegan's demonstrated leadership and his commitment to the freedom of information and its power to effect change. The award may be given to individuals or organizations. MNCOGI may give either a current year award, a Lifetime Achievement Award, or both for any given award year.

The Award Selection Committee is comprised of the MNCOGI Board. Please address any statements that are relevant to your nominee and be sure that the end result is no longer than 3 pages. This form must be used to make a nomination; it is also available online, <http://www.mncogi.org/finnegan-foi-award/>. Please provide contact information below for both the nominator and the nominee. If you have questions, email [contact \[at\] mncogi.org](mailto:contact@mncogi.org). **All nominations must be received by Monday, February 19, 2018.**

Date of Nomination: _____

Name and preferred means of contact (email, phone, street address) of *nominator*

Name and preferred means of contact (email, phone, street address) of *nominee*

Tell the MNCOGI Board how your nominee has achieved any *or* all of the following:

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.
8. Anyone who has made a substantial, sustained or lasting contribution to open government in Minnesota.

Thank you for your nomination.

The recipient of this year's Finnegan Award will be announced prior to the award ceremony.
The ceremony takes place on Freedom of Information Day, Friday, March 16, 2018.