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Alberta Magazine Awards Selection Committee
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Dear Alberta Magazine Awards Selection Committee

It is my honour to nominate Cory Hare for the Alberta Magazine Publishers Association (AMPA) Editor of the Year award. As a dedicated journalist and editor, Cory's contributions to the *ATA Magazine* and other ATA publications have been both innovative and impactful. His leadership, editorial expertise and commitment to journalistic excellence make him an outstanding candidate for this recognition.

Cory has been with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) for 11 years, bringing with him an extensive background in journalism. He began his career in 2004 after earning a Master of Arts in Journalism. Before this, Cory earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Additionally, Cory holds a variety of work experiences that have shaped who he is as the managing editor of the *ATA Magazine*. His time at the *St. Albert Gazette*—six years as a reporter, followed by three years as an assistant editor—strengthened his skills in reporting, writing and editorial management. When he joined the ATA as the managing editor of *The Learning Team*, *ATA News*, and *ATA Magazine*, he quickly became an instrumental force in shaping the voice and direction of these publications.

Cory's editorial leadership has been particularly evident in his role in the 2019 redesign of the *ATA Magazine*. His vision and commitment to a more dynamic and engaging publication were crucial in the collaborative process that led to the magazine's

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transformation. The results have reinforced the ATA's role as the education authority in Alberta, helping teachers better understand broader issues in public education, refine and improve their teaching practice, and foster stronger connections with their colleagues. His dedication to originality and innovation has been especially apparent in the three feature packages published in the *ATA Magazine* in 2024. These were: "Take It Outside (The Norm)," an exposé on teaching in unconventional settings; "The Loud and the Quiet ... And Everyone In Between," an exploration of the strengths that extroverts and introverts bring to a school; and "We Are Here!," a collection of stories that relate the life experiences of gender and sexual minorities. Each of these packages demonstrated fresh perspectives, compelling storytelling, and an unwavering commitment to high-quality journalism. Notably, the Winter Edition featured Cory's profile of teacher Leonard Cohen—an article I consider one of the strongest ever published in our magazine and one of our most exceptional pieces overall.

Beyond his editorial work, Cory has taken proactive steps to engage with the ATA's readership. In 2024, he began attending teachers' conventions more regularly, aiming to connect with members and gather "streeter"-style content for both the *ATA Magazine* and the *ATA News*. His dedication to firsthand engagement with educators has enriched the magazine's content, ensuring it remains relevant, insightful, and reflective of the teaching community's experiences. Cory also engages with other groups through various ATA events in order to stay connected to the teaching field and to gather valuable ideas and insights for the target audience.

Cory's talent, vision and leadership have significantly enhanced ATA publications, making them a vital resource for educators across Alberta. His ability to innovate while maintaining journalistic integrity makes him a truly deserving candidate for the AMPA Editor of the Year award. I encourage the committee to recognize his contributions and excellence in editorial leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elissa D Corsi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small dot above the 'i'.

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