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Dear Members of the Selection Committee

I am writing to nominate Cory Hare for the Alberta Magazine Publishers Association's Editor of the Year award. Cory's exceptional editorial skills, dedication, and vision have significantly contributed to the success of our magazine in 2024.

Throughout the year, Cory has consistently fulfilled our magazine's mandate by creating engaging and relevant content that resonates with our target audience. His ability to reflect the authentic stories of teachers in the field has been instrumental in maintaining the high editorial standards that our readers expect. Cory's commitment to gathering stories through various avenues, including phone interviews and social media, ensures that our content remains fresh and impactful.

Cory's mentorship has had a profound impact on our writers. As a new staff officer, I personally experienced Cory's supportive and non-threatening approach to revisions and suggestions. His guidance helped me transform my initial drafts into a story I was truly proud of. The story ran in the Spring 2024 edition and was titled "A Night at the Zoo". This is just one example of how Cory brings out excellence in writers, helping them maximize their storytelling potential.

One of Cory's most notable achievements in 2024 was his work on the winter edition of our magazine. This magazine contained so many brilliant stories, but I know how difficult it can be to edit a teacher's story. Cory edited a teacher's piece titled, "They Sunk My Battleship," which highlighted the challenges of lessons that fail before concluding how teachers can "grasp for a new way to communicate." Cory's editorial expertise coaxed from the author an emotionally powerful story that resonated deeply with our readers.

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Cory's resourcefulness and collaboration are evident in his handling of title choices and space restrictions. Cory works closely with the design team, and through this and his other work with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA)'s communications team, Cory's input is always valued. Whether it's designs for rink board advertisements, billboards or the ATA Magazine, Cory's eye for space and wording is exceptional.

In addition to his editorial duties, Cory has actively engaged with teachers and stakeholders through conventions and social media.

Cory's dedication to excellence, resourcefulness, and collaborative spirit makes him an outstanding candidate for the Editor of the Year award. His contributions in 2024 have been invaluable, and I am confident that he will continue to elevate our magazine to new heights.

Thank you for considering Cory Hare for this prestigious award.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristine Wilkinson
Acting Coordinator, Communications
The Alberta Teachers Association