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NCRA Community Radio Awards jury,

I'm writing this on behalf of the NCRA and the dozens and dozens of members Freya Zaltz has helped in her ten years of involvement with the organization. To be fair, there is not a member I can think of who hasn't benefited both directly and indirectly from her work. On a recent membership renewal form, one station answered the question "What is the NCRA's most useful service" with her name.

Freya was station staff at CJLY-FM in Nelson, BC and CJSF-FM in Burnaby, BC. She has also served on the Boards of CFRO-FM and CFUV-FM.

She was on the Board of the NCRA from 2003-2012 and has been on the Advisory Board for the last year. In that time, she:

- drafted the NCRA's influential submission to the CRTC's Campus and Community Radio Review, resulting in many beneficial changes to CRTC 2010-499
- spearheaded the initiative and helped draft the NCRA's Code of Conduct
- helped found the Community Radio Fund of Canada
- led and drafted all the letters and the case for support fighting proposed tariffs by Re:Sound, SOCAN and the CMRRA, including presenting a case in front of the Copyright Board of Canada. She did this work on behalf of the NCRA and the two French Community Radio Associations we work with, ARC du Canada and ARC du Quebec. The work she did on the Re:Sound hearing alone took hundreds of hours and she came to Ottawa from Vancouver for a week to prepare, using her own airmile points to pay for her travel.

And so much more! I will be adding to this letter so, if and when she wins, it can be a fuller account of all her work. I know CFRU-FM and CJSW-FM were also intending to support her for this award.

Finally, as someone who has worked very closely with Freya, I can say that no one is more dedicated to helping stations understand their licencing requirements and therefore get and stay on-air, no one is more eagle-eyed and detail-oriented, more giving of her free time and travel points (for she has used them to the NCRA's benefit on many occasions), more patient with hearing the same questions over and over again, and certainly no one is FASTER at answering difficult answers so precisely, as Freya is.

For all these reasons and countless more, I would like to nominate her for the Community Radio Lifetime Achievement/Legend Award.

Thank you,

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