

# The Newspaper Guild

Communications Workers of America



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## FRONT PAGE AWARDS COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

*“Extra! Extra! Read all about it!”* That long-ago cry of newsboys hawking papers in city streets applies equally well to “reading all about it” in the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild’s Front Page Awards competition.

The Front Page Awards honor the “best of the best” in writing, photography, commentary, graphics and union campaigns, all created by workers in WBNG-covered units in calendar year 2011. Former workers can enter, too. The point is if you created your work and it was published or posted on your employer’s web site, or both, in 2011, it’s eligible for an award – and so are you.

The entry deadline is easy to remember: Postmarked or hand-delivered to the WBNG office, 1100 15th St NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20005, by Valentine’s Day. The handy, printable entry form at the local’s Web site, [www.wbng.org](http://www.wbng.org), should be attached to each entry. Please specify the category in which your entry is being submitted, and please provide two copies of each entry. An entry can be submitted in more than one category.

Here are the categories:

**Writing:** Morton Mintz Award for Investigative Reporting or Public Service Reporting; Bernie Harrison Memorial Award for Commentary; News Analysis; Frank C. Porter Memorial Award for Labor and Business Reporting; Criticism; Feature Writing; Headline Writing; National or International News Reporting; Local News Reporting; Non-Daily Specialized Technical Reporting; Sports Reporting; Labor Unit Publication.

**Photography:** Feature Photography; Local News Photography; National News Photography; Portrait Photography; Sports Photography.

**Graphics and Art:** Advertising Design; Illustration Design; Labor Promotional Campaign; Marketing and Promotion Design; News Graphics Design; Web-Site Design.

There are two separate non-editorial Front Page Awards, one for Mobilizing and the other for the Customer Service Professional of the Year. Send in nominations for those by letter.

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Individual Grand Prize winners will be selected from among the winners of the individual Front Page Award categories. There are no separate entries for the Bill Pryor Memorial Grand Prize for Writing, the Bill Pryor Memorial Grand Prize for Photography and the John Albano Memorial Grand Prize for Art. But there is an extra qualification: You not only have to be among the individual winners to be eligible for those, you must also be dues-paying WBNG members (hint, hint).

The Front Page ceremony will also honor members who performed distinguished and outstanding service for the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild during 2011, through our annual Guild Service Awards. Letters of recommendation should be submitted by Valentine's Day. The Guild Service Awards are as follows: Dan de Souza Memorial Award for **Member of the Year**; Nadine Grinder Memorial Award for **Shop Steward of the Year**; **Unit Officer of the Year**; **Organizer of the Year**; **Bargaining Unit of the Year**; Herb Block Award for **Community Service** and the new Connie Knox Memorial Award for **Outstanding Service to the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild**.

The Knox Award was created in honor of the late Connie Knox, longtime WBNG President, WBNG vice president and International Chair of The Newspaper Guild. Connie died last year, just weeks after she retired from both her Guild post and the *Baltimore Sun*.

The Front Page Awards and Guild Service Awards will be formally presented to the winners at the WBNG Membership meeting on the evening of March 31.

## **WBNG General Membership Meetings Notice for 2012**

### **SAVE THESE PROVISIONAL DATES!**



#### ***Baltimore Meetings***

**Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.**

***(Nominations for WBNG Guild-Wide Offices)***

**Baltimore office: 415 St. Paul Place, Baltimore**

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#### ***Washington Meetings***

**Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. *(Front Page Awards)***

**Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.**

**D.C. office: 1100 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, #350, Washington**