



## (U) Re-Invigorating the Collection Association

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(U) This concludes the "Learned Orgs 2005" series...

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(U//FOUO) The NSA Collection Association (CA) has not ridden off into the sunset, as some believe, but is still kicking and breathing, although it is labored breathing. The CA has been around for over 27 years, serving NSA collection and associated interests by providing Community-wide recognition and unique opportunities for professional growth. It is not ready to give up the fight.

(U//FOUO) Through the years, the CA membership has played a key role in the many successes of many NSA employees at one point or another in their career. They tend to care strongly about the collection field and work everyday to continue to learn, improve, research, manage, and understand the changing signals environment. They also work to pass on to the next generation the knowledge that only comes from years of experience, to assist the future collectors in upholding the high standards of the collection field.

(U//FOUO) Although the CA may not be as large as it was in the past, it still has members willing to put in the extra effort to maintain the many awards created to recognize collectors developed by the CA membership. This year with the assistance of the Director of the [Professional Health Program Skill Community for Collection](#), and some die-hard CA members, as well as others, the CA has been able to continue with the awards created to honor those individuals the CA considers the backbone of the SIGINT community.

(U//FOUO) Recently the "Call for Nominations" announcements were sent out via Agency-all and the Automated Messages Handling System (AMHS) for the following CA awards:

- (U) [2004 Ardisana Collector of the Year](#)
- (U) [2004 Mooney Collection Manager of the Year](#)
- (U) [2004 Hunt Technical Literature Award](#)
- (U) [2004 Szymanowski Team Award](#)

(U//FOUO) All have the submission deadlines of 31 August 2005. The chairperson for each of these awards are listed in the in the "Call for Nominations" announcements provided above. More information on the awards and previous winners is located on [Collection Association Award web pages](#).

(U//FOUO) During its existence, the CA has recognized many individuals with these yearly awards. These awards were established not only to recognize outstanding collectors and collection managers yearly, but also to honor those individuals



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whose names identify the awards and who played an integral role in the collection community, and the CA. For further information on the CA and how to become a member, check out the [CA web page](#)

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(U) We're working hard to breathe renewed life into the Collection Association -- we'd love to have you join us!

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