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Date: May 14, 2010
To: Northern Illinois Newspaper Association Members
From: Dirk Johnson, Executive Secretary
Re: Annual Newspaper Competition

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce NINA's 2010 newspaper competition and invite your participation. Enclosed is a copy of this year's contest rules and categories. On the NINA website (www.northernstar.info/nina) you'll find entry forms that can be filled out and printed as needed.

You'll notice some changes this year. Most noticeably, we've reduced the number of contest divisions from three to two: dailies (4 times a week or more) and non-dailies. We've added several categories, and deleted a couple. And, we're encouraging you to submit entries digitally, via PDF files, rather than tearsheets.

Please (1) read all rules carefully; (2) make certain your NINA membership is current and that you are entering in the appropriate division and entry categories; (3) fill out an entry form for each entry; 4) if possible, create a single CD-ROM with all of your PDF entries; *or* (4) staple an entry form to the tearsheet for each entry if you're not sending PDFs; and (5) be sure your entries are postmarked no later than **Wednesday, June 30, 2010**.

Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the annual NINA fall conference and awards ceremony scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct 20, 2010, at Northern Illinois University. The NINA Board is planning for an exciting evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

Good luck in the contest!