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**Date:** May 14, 2009  
**To:** Northern Illinois Newspaper Association Members  
**From:** Dirk Johnson, Executive Secretary  
**Re:** Annual Newspaper Competition

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce NINA's 2009 newspaper competition and invite your participation. Enclosed is a copy of this year's contest rules and an entry form. You may also visit the NINA Web site ([www.ninaonline.org](http://www.ninaonline.org)) where you'll find recent newsletters as well as fall conference and awards ceremony details.

Please (1) read all rules carefully, (2) make certain your NINA membership is current and that you are entering in the appropriate circulation group and entry categories, (3) attach a copy of the entry form to each entry (make as many copies of the entry form as needed), and (4) be sure your entries are postmarked no later than **Tuesday, June 30, 2009**.

You will also find enclosed an authorization form for individual plaques. Signing and returning the form will ensure that your individual first-place winning staff members are presented with their own plaque(s) at this year's award ceremony.

Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the annual NINA fall conference and awards ceremony scheduled for October 23, 2009, at Northern Illinois University. The NINA Board is planning for an exciting day and we look forward to seeing you there.

Good luck in the contest!