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MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO JOURNALISTS RECEIVE AWARD

MISSOULA –

Two Montana Public Radio journalists received the Montana Broadcasters Association's Non-Commercial Program of the Year Award at the MBA convention held in late June in **Big Sky**.

Sally Mauk, news director for Montana Public Radio, and Emilie Ritter, MTPR capital bureau chief, were recognized for their reporting from the 2008 national political conventions. They were the only Montana journalists – from broadcast or print – to attend the conventions. Mauk reported on the Montana Democratic delegation in Denver, and Ritter covered the state's Republican delegates in St. Paul, Minn.

Both reporters also wrote daily columns for the Missoulian newspaper, expanding the impact of their presence at the conventions.

Mauk said the convention experience was unparalleled.

"I rate the privilege of covering the national political conventions the highlight of my political reporting career so far," Mauk said. "To receive this recognition from the Montana Broadcasters Association, on top of that great experience, is really super."

Ritter, who graduated from the UM School of Journalism in 2007, recognized Mauk as an inspiration.

“It was so neat,” Ritter said, “to be honored alongside my news director, mentor and former college professor.”

KUFM Station Manager William Marcus said the MBA award was welcome recognition of MTPR’s efforts to expand local news coverage.

“We know that our listeners want to have firsthand information about what’s happening in Montana,” Marcus said. “We’re lucky to have Sally and Emilie in our news department. Our listeners expect the best, and these two do a great job.”

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