

## 6.4 California Aspiring Bilingual Author Award

### A proposal from Velazquez Press and DualLanguageSchools.org

#### Goals:

- Inspire more California bilingual writers to share their California stories
- Develop quality bilingual materials for bilingual programs or dual language schools
- Support the development of aspiring bilingual authors
- Establish the CABA award as a highly sought after bilingual author award

#### Proposed Steps:

1. CABA and DualLanguageSchools.org will decide the award categories, criteria and assemble the panel of judges
2. The award winners will be guaranteed a publishing contract by Velazquez Press with a guaranteed royalties advance.
3. DualLanguageSchools.org will take care of the book submission mechanism and charge a nominal fee for the book submission to each author. The fees will cover the cost of the judge and other logistic cost.
4. CABA will hold professional workshops to guide teachers who are interested in bilingual education writing—still in the development process. Workshop attendees will received a significant discount for the book submission.
5. An event would be held at CABA's annual conference to give out award(s) to new California aspiring bilingual writer(s).
6. Velazquez Press will pay \$5,000 to CABA in 2017 to sponsor the event ceremony (above and beyond their other sponsorship)
7. The award will be announced at 2016 CABA San Francisco and the first event will be held at 2017 CABA Anaheim.

*NOTE: CABA PDS is considering offering a bilingual book writing and illustration seminar in the summer of 2016 or 2017.*