

USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

Committee Name: Recognition and Awards

Session # (if more than one meeting): 1

Cmte. report #: 27

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Crandell

Date/time of this meeting: September 17, 2004 @ 9:50 am

ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

None.

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1. MSA to table the approval of the Fitness Award.
2. MSA to include IMSHOF award recipients on the Awards website.
3. MSA to accept the Club of the Year Award proposal and appoint a subcommittee to refine the criteria and selection process.
4. MSA to accept the Communications Award proposal as amended.
5. MSA to create a subcommittee to draw up guidelines for submitting award proposals.

Committee Chair: Kathy Casey

Vice Chair(s): Carolyn Boak

Number of committee members present: 11

Absent: 18

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 13

Committee members present: Kathy Casey, Kelly Crandell, June Krauser, Walt Reid, Nancy Ridout, Ted Haartz, Mike Laux, Carolyn Boak, Jane Moore, Brad Houston, Sandi Rousseau

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at: 9:50 am
2. The Ransom Arthur pin and the perpetual award were presented to Leo Lentedre. (story about getting award):
3. Budget review – Submitted \$500; expenses so far this year are:
 - 3.1. \$110 – convention registration
 - 3.2. Approximately \$40 – postage
 - 3.3. \$20 – picture frames
 - 3.4. \$5 – paper
 - 3.5. \$156.03 – Ransom Arthur Award
 - 3.6. **TOTAL** – approximately \$331.03
4. An updated list of award winners was handed out.
5. In a previous electronic meeting:
 - 5.1. The committee decided not to pursue a volunteer patch,
 - 5.2. The Awards page should list the group/individual who gives each award.
 - 5.3. Competitive awards should not be listed on the Awards web page, but links should be provided to pages listing those awards.
6. Web page – To get to the Awards web page, go to usms.org, click on “Administration” (in the left-hand navigation bar), and click on “Awards.”
7. Review of all awards – The David Yorzyk Memorial Award, the MACA Lifetime Achievement Award, and the MACA Web Site of the Year Award will be on the History & Archives site, and the Awards web page will provide a link to that information. The list of ISHOF inductees on the Awards web site needs to be updated. **MSA to add IMSHOF inductees to the Awards web page.**
8. Fitness Award – **MSA to table official recognition of the Fitness Award until next session when a formal written proposal has been submitted to the R&A Committee for review.**

9. Club of the Year Award – Mark Gill presented a proposal to recognize exemplary clubs and/or workout groups for achievement across a wide variety of activities that promote the core objectives of USMS. **MSA to accept the Club of the Year Award and appoint a subcommittee to refine the award criteria.** Mike Laux, Carolyn Boak, Nancy Ridout, and Mark Gill were appointed to the subcommittee. The Coaches Committee will be asked to appoint a representative to the subcommittee.

10. Communications Award – Kelly Crandell and Bill Volckening presented an award proposal from the Communications Committee that would honor the highest achievement in effective, consistent, and innovative use of communications in USMS. This would be in addition to the Newsletter of the Year Award. The proposal was amended to include the Recognition and Awards, Marketing, Publications, and Communications Committees in the final vote on the award after the Communications has narrowed the field of nominees. **MSA to accept the Communications Award proposal as amended.**

11. Backstroke award and other such awards – There was discussion as to how someone might initiate and distribute an award to swimmers who have achieved an enormous amount of success in particular event(s). **MSA to create a subcommittee to draw up guidelines for submitting award proposals and to provide additional help in creating awards.** Jane Moore and Brad Houston were appointed to the subcommittee.

12. **MSA to adjourn the session.**

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:00am

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Update the list of award winners.
2. Update the Awards web page and add the IMSHOF inductees.
3. Solicit nominations for and select the 2005 Ransom Arthur Award winner and prepare presentations and articles.
4. Solicit nominations for and select the 2005 Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award winners and prepare presentations and articles.
5. Refine the criteria for the Club of the Year Award.
6. Participate in the final vote for the Communications Award.
7. Write guidelines for submitting award proposals.