



U.S. Masters Swimming Dorothy Donnelly Service Award

As a volunteer-driven organization, USMS is forever grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who give their time, talent, and expertise to help all phases of our programs. Among those volunteers are some USMS registered individuals whose service stands out in its scope and impact on the program and the USMS members who have benefited from their efforts on the local, regional, and national level.

The first USMS Service Awards were instituted and presented in 1997 by then USMS President, Mel Goldstein. In 2000 the award was renamed to honor Dorothy Donnelly. Dot was very active in the Connecticut AAU as the registrar for not only swimming, but also synchronized swimming and track and field. She went on to be an active USMS member and accomplished swimmer in Connecticut, and she was the first USMS Executive Secretary, serving from 1985 to 1996. Her incomparable candor, enthusiasm, persistence, and unselfish dedication provided much of what makes USMS the unique user-friendly organization it is today.

Nominations can come from LMSCs, clubs, and/or individuals. The USMS President and two members of the Recognition and Awards Committee will select the honorees, which are limited to 15 in a given year. The names and accomplishments of the honorees will be formally announced during a House of Delegates Meeting at USMS's annual convention. An enamel pin and a certificate will be presented to those present and delivered to the other recipients.

To make a nomination, submit a one-page letter citing the reasons the individual deserves recognition and the award.

Be sure to include the following information:

- Name, address, Email and phone information for both nominee and nominator
- Where the service was performed: local (club or LMSC), zone, or national level or any combination thereof
- Impact of the nominee's service – new programs, or improvements or enhancement of on-going USMS programs
- Scope of the service including affect on members who have benefitted

Submit nominations electronically by July 1 to:

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