

# USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Recognition & Awards	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	4
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Sally Dillon	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Hill Carrow (absent)		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Sally Dillon	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Sept 16, 3:15-4:45 PM		

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. It was MSA (Block/Skaritt) to approve the committee's budget request of \$560.

## Motions Passed:

1. It was MSA (Moore/Ridout): The selection committee for the Communications Award be a minimum of five members with at least two members from the R&A Committee plus members representing at least 3 other USMS committees.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 9	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 16
<b>Committee members present:</b> Andrea Block, Sally Dillon, Margie Hutinger, Katherine Longwell, Hugh Moore, Walt Reid, Nancy Ridout, Kelly Sharitt, and Ed Tsuzuki (EC liaison)		

## Minutes

Chair Sally Dillon called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM. Committee members present introduced themselves. Sally noted that our Vice Chair, Hill Carrow, was unexpectedly unable to attend due to a work conflict.

1. Ransom Arthur "Pinning"  
Lynn Hazlewood, the 2010 Ransom Arthur recipient received her official pin from the chair. Sally recognized Lynn for her many accomplishments on committees, task forces, and the Executive Committee.
2. Chair's review  
Sally distributed the budget that was submitted for 2011. **It was MSA (Block/Skaritt) to approve the committee's budget request of \$560.** She also shared with the committee that she has found a number of bios for previous Ransom Arthur recipients and, with the help of Meegan Wilson and the History and Archives committee, has posted them on the USMS web site. There are still a number to be found and she has enlisted help from former USMS presidents and others.
3. Review of annual projects – awards that we coordinate
  - a. Captain Ransom Arthur M.D. Award – in addition to recipient Lynn Hazlewood, the others nominated were Jerry Clark, Lucy Johnson, and Kerry O'Brien.
  - b. U.S. Masters Swimming Dorothy Donnelly Service Award – the selection committee was Jeff Moxie, Hill Carrow, and Sally and 15 individuals will be honored at the HOD meeting Friday morning.
  - c. U.S. Masters Swimming June Krauser Communications Award – Hugh reported that there were two nominees this year and the selection committee of 5 members was the same as last year.
  - d. U.S. Masters Swimming Club of the Year Award – Sally reported that seven individuals selected this year's Club of the Year. There were three nominations, fewer than the last few years.
4. Reports from subcommittees
  - a. Club Recognition - At our August meeting, the subcommittee reported that they revised the Club of the Year (COYA) nomination form to allow the nominating clubs to better describe their programs. At the same meeting, the committee approved the giving of a minimum of two (2) COYA awards beginning in 2011 with two categories: regional and local clubs. The nomination form will be adjusted for next year to allow for the different type of categories. NOTE: the location for the nomination information for all USMS Service awards is [www.usms.org/admin/awards](http://www.usms.org/admin/awards).
  - b. Convention Workshop: Recognizing Volunteers at the Local Level – Sally solicited information from LMSC representatives and compiled data for the upcoming workshop, which will be held in "Windsor" on Saturday, 9:45-11:00 AM. Other workshop contributors were Margie, Nancy, AJ, and Kelly. Sally is hopeful that a good exchange of ideas will take place. A summary of the information will be made available to the LMSC officers and club representatives after convention.
5. Report on ISHOF and IMSHOF  
Walt reminded everyone that the IMSHOF induction would be taking place Friday evening at the convention hotel. The two USMS honorees in swimming are Lois Kivi Nochman and Rich Burns. Other swimmers being honored are Bonnie Pronk

(Canada) and Barry Young (New Zealand). Nominations are based on point system outside of USMS. The other US recipient is Contributor Andy Burke (Water Polo). Mel Goldstein is still our Contributor candidate and his resume will be updated and resubmitted. At our March meeting the committee decided to nominate Ted Haartz for the Contributor category as well. His nomination information is in the process of being compiled and will be submitted before the deadline. Walt noted that with ISHOF, there are more categories that what is selected. It has been a number of years since a USMS Masters swimmer was recognized (2003 – Laura Val). Two foreign swimmers have been honored since Laura.

6. New Business

a. Discuss changes to Communications Award procedures – Hugh explained that the U.S. Masters Swimming June Krauser Communications Award was created approx 5 years ago.

1) Selection committee composition: The original composition of the selection committee included members of committees that no longer exist (Communications, Publications Management, and Marketing). The R&A committee “inherited” the award this year but he used the same members. Hugh suggested changes that would allow 2 R&A members and 3 members from other committees. Nancy suggested they should be from different committees. **It was MSA (Moore/Ridout): The selection committee for the Communications Award be a minimum of five members with at least two members from the R&A Committee plus members representing at least 3 other USMS committees.** Hugh recommended that Ex Officio members could be included.

2) Soliciting nominations: Recommendations were made to encourage nominations – not only for the Communications award, but also for the other service awards. It was suggested that the R&A committee be tasked to seek prospective nominees and encourage nomination of them. Suggestions to better communicate about the awards included: contact newsletter editors, contact club leaders through club reps, contact LMSC chairs, use the discussion forums to announce awards and where to seek more information, use the What’s New section of the home page, “tweet”, use Facebook, and use Club Assistant. Ed Tsuzuki offered to help us get items posted on the web if give him the specific details). Nancy suggested we have a task force within the committee to find ways to publicize the awards.

3) The selection process should include a conference call to discuss nominations.

Hugh suggested a conference call would be a better way to select the winner. Sally said the Club of the year could do that too. Could work with DDSA.

b. Susan Ehringer expressed her thanks to the R&A committee for devising the procedure for selecting the dedication for the Rule Book.

c. Revise information for Service Award – The “Original” 1996 forms were sent to the committee prior to convention. Sally retyped them because only hard copies were found and the scanned copy wasn’t very legible. Sally suggested revisions to the documents to bring them up to date with the way we do things now. The “old” nomination form was discussed and it was agreed that the submission of a nomination letter is preferable to the form. The committee reviewed the suggestions and MSA (Skaritt/Block) to approve Sally’s recommendations.

d. Revise procedures and guidelines for submitting award proposals – Sally distributed the information and form that has traditionally been used to propose new awards. The committee reviewed it and agreed that it did not need revising.

e. Committee Discussion Forum - Sally apologized for not getting the R&A committee forum on the USMS web site up and running. A number of members have experience using the committee forums and highly recommended it. Nancy said an email would go to members when something is posted. Ed suggested it would help the committee archive our discussions and it might encourage people who are web shy to get more involved. He offered to help Sally get up to speed on setting it up for the group.

f. Discuss changes to the committee description for a 2011 Legislative proposal - Sally expressed a concern that the number and member requirement for our committee has been difficult to achieve and she recommended we revisit the committee description in the coming months so we can be prepared to submit a Legislative proposal in 2011. Katherine said she believes other committees are pondering the same issues. Sally also thinks that the committee should consider including something in the description that indicates the committee has jurisdiction over service awards, not performance/competitive awards. Nancy said the committee is a clearinghouse for all awards, but in actuality, the competitive awards are mostly handled through the Records and Tabulation committee (Top Ten, All American, etc.). Sally will review the past rule book descriptions and the R&A Policies to see what changes in the description have taken place. The committee agreed that we should discuss this in future meetings and on the forum.

Ed Tsuzuki thanked the committee for being a hardworking group of volunteers. Sally thanked Ed for being the BEST EC LIAISON!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm

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