

New Business for Thursday, February 20, 2014

Proposed Changes to SPMS Awards

Steve Schofield Distinguished Service Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding long term service to Southern Pacific Masters Swimming.
2. The award criteria are as follows:
 - a. Has maintained current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration for the last ten years.
 - b. Has consistently demonstrated outstanding service to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, program development, and promotion of Masters Swimming at the club, local and national level.
3. Nominations and Selection
 - a. There may be multiple awards given.
 - b. Nominations can be made by any Southern Pacific Masters swimmer or Southern Pacific Masters Swimming club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chairman by the published deadline.
 - c. Selection will be made by Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - d. The award shall be presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming annual meeting.

Jim Marcus Appreciation Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contributions made to Masters Swimming by SPMS members.
2. The award criteria are as follows:
 - a. Has maintained current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration for the last five years.
 - b. This person shall have made significant contribution or effort toward the conduct, leadership, or support of Southern Pacific Masters Swimming.
3. Nominations and Selection
 - a. There may be multiple awards given.
 - b. Nominations can be made by any Southern Pacific Masters swimmer or Southern Pacific Masters Swimming club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chairman by the published deadline.
 - c. Selection will be made by Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - d. The award shall be presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming annual meeting.

Personal Achievement Award (NEW AWARD)

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize dedication to our program and reward noticeable improvement in one's own skills and/or times.
2. The award criteria are as follows:
 - a. Hold Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration for at least 3 years.
 - b. Be active in local competitions, showing improvement in one or all of the following categories: a) Top Ten rankings (Southern Pacific Masters Swimming and/or USMS, any or all courses), b) Open Water Points Competition, or c) Other significant indications of personal achievement in Masters Swimming.
3. Nominations and Selection
 - a. No more than three of these awards will be presented each year.
 - b. Nominations can be made by any Southern Pacific Masters swimmer or Southern Pacific Masters Swimming club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chairman by the published deadline.
 - c. Selection will be made by Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline. There will be no age or gender categories for this award.
 - d. The award shall be presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming annual meeting.

Coach of the Year Award

Add to the existing COTY rules:

- 1.) COTY award cannot be awarded to the same coach within a full 5 years of winning the award.
- 2.) COTY recipients are expected to serve, at least one year on the SPMS Coaches Committee; In the event there is no Coaches Chair, COTY recipients serve as SPMS Coaches Chair for one year.

-----Adding this rule helps SPMS with not having to recreate the winning criteria and it helps coaches whom might be put up against the well-rounded coaches of SPMS, i.e., Michael Collins, Chad Durieux, Mark Moore, Nancy Reno, etc. Basically, helps give others a chance to win.

-----Helps get the coaches involved with USMS and involved at the local level with SPMS.

CURRENT Awards on web site.

Steve Schofield Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize **outstanding contributions made to SPMS.**
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. Has been a member of SPMS during the year under consideration.
 - b. Has made outstanding contributions to Southern Pacific Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, program development, and promotion of SPMS at his or her club.

Jim Marcus Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize **outstanding contributions made to Masters Swimming by SPMS members.**
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. Has been a member of SPMS during the calendar year under consideration.
 - b. Has made outstanding contributions to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, and commitment to furthering the objectives of Masters swimming programs.