

Recognition/Awards Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 13, 1996

Attendance: Mary Lee Watson, Chairman. Voting members: Dorothy Donnelly, Nancy Ridout, Ted Haartz, Edi Gruender, Dan Gruender, Gail Dummer, Jack Geoghegan, Mike Laux. Non-voting members: Bill Weir, Stan Prazer, Nancy Brown, R. Davies, Lorie Gibson-Rick, Julie Paque, Dore Schwab, Jr., Suzanne Rague, Joanne Tingley.

Ransom Arthur Award: Suzanne Rague is the 1996 recipient of the Ransom Arthur Award. Review of procedure for obtaining nominations for award. Discussion regarding whether or not a nominee for the award should have the endorsement of an LMSC. Gail Dummer will be designing a nomination form to be used for the Ransom Arthur award. Suggestion for criteria form include: contributions on the national and local level; in what way has this person made a unique contribution to Masters Swimming, impact on Masters Swimming, service at national and local level, other information. Any more specific ideas for inclusion in this nomination form should be given to Gail Dummer. Motion to have an endorsement of an LMSC for each nominee, S, failed. Motion to have the endorsement of either an LMSC or a member of the USMS Board of Directors for each nominee, S, passed.

The voting procedure to be followed if there are many nominees. If there are more than five candidates, the committee shall screen them down to five, then to follow with the regular voting procedure, S. Friendly amendment to change the procedure to have the chairman determine the voting procedure if there are too many candidates for a single round of voting. Motion seconded, passed.

Ransom Arthur Pins: Discussion of the Ransom Arthur pin (to be given to all past and future award recipients). Sterling silver with 10K gold plating was suggested. Option would be available to have a 24K gold pin if the recipient wanted to pay the difference. Ashworth quote was \$18 for 3/4 inch pin. Maxwell Marketing quote was \$35 for sterling silver with 14K gold. Solid gold ranged from \$50 - \$230. Motion to request from the finance committee funds to order 50 pins of 10K solid gold from Ashworth at approximately \$47.50, S, passed. Discussion of how a pin that is not round will remain upright.

Motion to request that the executive committee delegate to the Recognition/Awards committee the tasks of coordination of all USMS awards. Actual determination of criteria and selection of award winners will stay with individual committees. The Recognition/Awards Committee will be responsible for maintaining the historical record. Any USMS Awards shall be presented to the Recognition/Awards committee for approval. Motion seconded, passed.

Service Award: Gail Dummer worked up the nomination form and criteria for the Service Award. Suggestion to merge this award with the Presidential Service Award and give out a certificate and a pin. Ashworth quote was \$3.17 each for 250 pins (includes the setup charge and delivery). Motion to leave the details for choosing and ordering the pins to the chair, S, passed. Motion to accept the criteria as presented, S, passed.

Request from Betty Barry to put information on the web page. Julie Paque will let Mary Lee Watson know what needs to be done for the web page.

Mary Lee is also looking for candidates for the column in the SWIM magazine about people who have done lots of local work.

Motion to continue with All Stars in the manner in which it has been handled in the past, S, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Paque

Mary Lee Watson, Chair