

2018 0211 Member At Large Report:

As communicated during the January 18th conference call, swimmers have provided the following feedback:

- More open water events are desired
- For the SPMS SCM Championships, some swimmers requested that the order of events be changed from year-to-year so that the same events are not always held on Friday

Awards Report:

Coaches are encouraged to nominate swimmers for Club Swimmer of the Month using the nomination form at this link:

<https://www.spmasterswim.org/club-swimmer-of-the-month-award-nomination/>

There are no criteria for this award and it is an easy, free way to publicly recognize swimmers for any achievement. Swimmers will get a nice certificate and their name on website and in SPMS Newsletter.

Nominations for the following awards are due 10/15/18. Nominations shall be submitted on time and complete per the requirements outlined in the SPMS Administrative Handbook (pertinent section copied below).

- Swimmer of the Year
- Jim Marcus Appreciation Award
- Steve Schofield Distinguished Service Award
- Contributor of the Year Award

Note: The due date on the SPMS website has been updated to October 15th (formerly October 31st).

VIII. SPMS AWARDS

A. Swimmer of the Year

1. The purpose of the award is to recognize SPMS swimmers each year, male and female, who have displayed exemplary commitment to Masters swimming, achieved personal success at SPMS swim meets and/or open water events, and have been an inspiration to others.

2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - A. Has been a member of SPMS during the year under consideration.
 - B. Has competed in at least two SPMS meets or SPMS-sanctioned open water events during the time period under consideration.
3. Nominations and Selection:
 - A. Nominations can be made by any SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above.
 - B. Nominations and a maximum of four supporting letters should be submitted by email to the SPMS Member-at-Large or mailed to the SPMS Office.
 - C. Nominations must be received on or before October 15th.
 - D. A Male Swimmer of the Year and a Female Swimmer of the Year shall be selected by the SPMS Awards Committee headed by the Member-at-Large.
 - E. The awards shall be presented at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships.

B. Coach of the Year (responsibility of the Coaches Committee)

C. Jim Marcus Appreciation Award

1. The purpose of this award is to express special thanks to individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to Southern Pacific Masters Swimming.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - A. The individual or member of a group has maintained current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration for the last five years.
 - B. The individual or group 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 SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chair by the published deadline.
 - C. Selection will be made by SPMS Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - D. The award(s) shall be announced at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships and presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Annual Meeting.

D. 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 criteria for the award 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 SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chair by the published deadline.
- C. Selection will be made by SPMS Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
- D. The award(s) shall be announced at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships and presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Annual Meeting.

E. Contributor of the Year Award

- 1. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contributions to Masters Swimming during the year preceding the year in which the award is presented.
- 2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - A. Held current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration during the year under consideration.
 - B. Has demonstrated outstanding contributions to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, program development, and promotion of Masters Swimming at the club, local or national level(s) during the year under consideration.
- 3. Nominations and Selection
 - A. There shall be no more than one award given each year.
 - B. Nominations can be made by any SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chair by the published deadline.
 - C. Selection will be made by SPMS Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - D. The award shall be presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Annual Meeting.