



Awards Committee 2009 Convention Report

Association Awards:

The USATF Convention in Tampa – 1986 the National Officials Committee instituted the process of issuing a maximum number of annual **National Outstanding Official Awards**. The number of awards for each association is five percent (5%) of the total National, Master and Emeritus officials in each Association. The individuals in these categories are only eligible for one award in the Olympiad (2005 – 2008).

The **National Outstanding Official Award** is for the Association to provide an appreciation to your officials for their dynamic officiating, contributions to the organization and support to the athletes. This award is not to replace any of your local programs but in addition as this lets the National Officials Committee show support to you and your officials.

This distinguished award is printed on parchment and signed by our National Officials Committee Chair and the USATF President. This is embossed with the National Officials Committee seal.

The National Officials Committee Vice-Chair for Certification will provide the Vice-Chair of Awards with listing of each Association's number of officials as of July 31

- The number of certifications for each association is determined by the number of upper level officials in each association as of August 1. Due to the fact that so many certifications were not processed by this date in 2005 the National Officials Executive Committee decided to allow each association to receive certificates for 5% of the total number of officials they had for the 2000-2005 Olympiad period.
- In 2005, the first year of the current Olympiad period, 57 Associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Official Awards**. Ten of these Associations (Border, Central California, Missouri Valley, Montana, Oklahoma, South Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming) did not return names for this award. That was 82% participation from the 57 Associations eligible for awards and resulted in 384 certificates being processed and mailed to the various Association Certification Chairs.
- In 2006, the second year of the current Olympiad period, 49 Associations were eligible for **National Outstanding Official Awards**. Alaska, Border, Central California, Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, West Virginia and Wyoming did not meet the requirements to be eligible to receive awards. Two of the Associations (Minnesota and Oregon) eligible to receive award did not return names for this award. That was 96% participation from those 49 Associations eligible for awards and resulted in 116 certificates being processed and mailed to the various Association Certification Chairs.
- In 2007, the third year of the current Olympiad period, 49 Associations were eligible for **National Outstanding Official Awards**. As in 2006 Alaska, Border, Central California, Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, West Virginia and Wyoming did not meet the requirements to be eligible to receive awards. Six of the Associations (Gulf, Inland Northwest, Michigan, Ozark, South Carolina and Three Rivers) were eligible to receive awards but did not return any names. That was 88% participation from those 49 Associations eligible for awards and resulted in 122 certificates being processed and mailed to the various Association Certification Chairs.
- In 2008, the fourth year of the Olympiad period the **National Officials Committee voted at the Mid-year Meeting to all of the Association to receive at least one certificate per year**. With that in mind I am happy to report that all 57 Association have sent in names and have received certificates for the **National Outstanding Official Awards**. According to the late Jim Grey, this is the first time in recorded history that 100% of the Associations have participated in this area. A total of 143 certificates were processed and sent to the various Association Certification Chairs.
- For the 2005-2008 Olympiad Period a total of 764 Outstanding Official Awards were prepared and presented to the Association Certification Chairs and given to deserving officials across the United States.
- In 2009, the first year of a new Olympiad period the National Officials Executive Committee decided to allow each association to receive certificates for 5% of the total number of officials they had for the 2005-2008 Olympiad period. 56 Associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Official Awards**. Five of these Associations (Michigan, Minnesota, Pacific Northwest, Potomac Valley and Snake River) did not return names for this award. That was 91% participation from the 56 Associations eligible for awards and resulted in 335 certificates being processed and mailed to the various Association Certification Chairs.

- **Horace Crow Award:**

The **Horace Crow Award** was established at the National Convention in 1991. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **Horace Crow Award** at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2006 . . .

- Must be a Certified USATF Field Event Official for a ten (10) year period.
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF.
- Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating in the area of field events.
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Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **Horace Crow Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the Area Representative for the assorted Association of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee Area Reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF Certified Officials, Association Officials Certification Chairs and from Association Presidents for candidates for the **Horace Crow Award**. Once approved by the Area Reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **Horace Crow Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **Horace Crow Award** will be presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

- This year at the convention marked the 21th year for the **Horace Crow Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 36 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2009 **Horace Crow Award**
 - **Michael T. Armstrong - outstanding vertical jumps official from the Arkansas Association.**
 - **Shirley O. Connors – outstanding vertical jumps official from the Pacific Association.**
 - **Winifred E. Eggers – outstanding throws official from the Illinois Association.**
 - **Frank C. Orsak – outstanding vault official from the Gulf Association.**
 - **Robert A. Springer – outstanding throws and weights and measures official from the Pacific Northwest Association.**

Past Winners of Horace Crow Award

1992 – William Reeves (Florida)	1998 – Fred Arnold (Southern California)	2003 – Gloria Winemiller (Mid-Atlantic)
1993 – Edward Lankford (Southwestern)	1999 – Emmitt Griggs (Gulf Association)	2004 – Stanley Underwood (Tennessee)
1994 – Gene Edmonds (Indiana)	2000 – Finn Hansen (Utah)	2005 – Lane Dowell (Oregon)
1995 – Shirley Crowe (Gulf)	2000 – Eugene Stemm (Southern California)	2006 – Chester Bradley (Southwestern)
1996 – Carl Mosley (Southern California)	2001 – Len Krsak (Ohio)	2007 – George Kleeman (Pacific)
1997 – Richard McQuarrie (Southern California)	2002 – Billy Walters (Southwestern)	2008 – James Flank (Lake Erie)
1997 – Keith Mitchell (Indiana)	2003 – Doug Winemiller (Mid-Atlantic)	2009 -

Charles Ruter Award:

The **Charles Ruter Award** was established at the National Convention in 1998. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **Charles Ruter Award** at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2006 . . .

- Must be a Certified USATF Running Event Official for a ten (10) year period.
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF.
- Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating in the area of running events.
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Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **Charles Ruter Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the Area Representative for the assorted Association of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee Area Reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF Certified Officials, Association Officials Certification Chairs and from Association Presidents for

candidates for the **Charles Ruter Award**. Once approved by the Area Reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **Charles Ruter Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **Charles Ruter Award** will be presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

- This year at the convention we will mark the 13th year for the **Charles Ruter Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 32 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2009 **Charles Ruter Award**
 - **Ronald E. Daniel – outstanding Race Walk Official from the Connecticut Association.**
 - **William R. Doreen - - outstanding Clerk from the Southwestern Association.**
 - **Karen K. Krsak – outstanding Clerk and Starter from the Ohio Association.**
 - **Lloyd D. Stull – outstanding Umpire from the Indiana Association.**
 - **Fred Thomas – outstanding Starter and Umpire from the Ohio Association.**

Past Winners of Charles Ruter Award

1998- Charles Ruter (Kentucky)	2005 - Fred Adler (Metropolitan)
1999 - John Hickman (Ohio)	2005 - William Buttermore (Ohio)
2000 - Warren Ring (Metropolitan)	2006 - Jim Carlisle (Southwestern)
2001 - Dick Conners (Pacific)	2007 - Sue Polansky (Long Island)
2002 - Ginger Mulanax (Ozark)	2008 - Kenny Morton (Kentucky)
2003 - Dan Reynolds (Arizona)	2009 -
2004 - Shelby Sharpe (Southwestern)	2010 -

John Davis Award:

The **John Davis Award** was established at the National Convention in 2001. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **John Davis Award** at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2006 . . .

- Must be a Certified USATF Track and Field Official for a ten (10) year period.
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF.
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement by an individual who espouse through humanitarian efforts by leadership, fellowship and developmental welfare of others through USATF and its various programs.

Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **John Davis Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the Area Representative for the assorted Association of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee Area Reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF Certified Officials, Association Officials Certification Chairs and from Association Presidents for candidates for the **John Davis Award**. Once approved by the Area Reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **John Davis Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **John Davis Award** will be presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

- This year at the convention we will mark the 8th year for the **John Davis Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 19 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2009 **John Davis Award** .
 - **Edward G. Edmonds – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Indiana Association.**
 - **Finn S. Hansen – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Utah Association.**
 - **Richard P. Moss – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Georgia Association.**
 - **Charles L. Sheppard – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Pacific Association.**
 - **Ruth D. White – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Nebraska Association.**

Past Winners of John Davis Award

2001 – Win Eggers (Illinois)	2006 – Denise Hutchins (Oklahoma)
2002 – Frank Orsak (Gulf)	2007 – Ron Althoff (Ohio)
2003 – Murray Sanford (Georgia)	2008 – Laurie Boemker (New England)
2004 – Yvonne Grimes (Connecticut)	2008 – Ron Boemker (New England)
2005 – Richard Langenback (Pacific Northwest)	2009 –

James Grey Award:

Criteria for Nominations

The *James Grey Award* was established at the Mid-Year National Officials Executive Committee Meeting in 2006 when the Maine Association came forward and wanted to sponsor a National Officials Award. After a year of discussing the idea the National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the *James Grey Award* at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2007 . . .

- Must be a Certified USATF Track and Field Official for a ten (10) year period.
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF.
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement by an individual who by providing the leadership, setting the example and going out of his/her way to help in the development of others in the USATF Officials organization.

Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the *James Grey Award* will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the Area Representative for the assorted Association of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee Area Reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF Certified Officials, Association Officials Certification Chairs and from Association Presidents for candidates for the *James Grey Award*. Once approved by the Area Reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The *James Grey Award* winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the *James Grey Award* will be presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

- This year at the convention we will mark the 3rd year for the **James Grey Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 15 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2009 **James Grey Award**.
 - **Fred A. Adler – outstanding official and a Certification Chair from the Metropolitan Association.**
 - **James Carlisle – outstanding official and former Certification Chair from the Southwestern Association.**
 - **Valaree J.L. Foss – outstanding official and President and tireless worker from the Maine Association.**
 - **James C.D. Hume – outstanding official and Certification Chair from the Pacific Association.**
 - **Keith C. Mitchell – outstanding official and Certification Chair from the Indiana Association.**

Past Winners of James Grey Award

2007– Charles Ruter (Kentucky)	2008 – William Price – Patomac Valley Association
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Andy Bakjian Award:

Criteria for Nominations

Criteria for having the name of an official placed in nomination for the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**

- Must be a Certified USATF Official for a twelve (12) year period.
- Must be a Master Level Official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, in good standing with the National Officials Committee and in good standing with USATF.
- Must have officiated at National Championship Meets and/or International Championship Meets.
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement in track and field officiating.
- Recognition by peers for there betterment and devotion to track and field officiating.
- The **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** can not be a posthumous award.

Nomination and Selection Process

The procedure to nominate an individual for the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** is as follows . . .

- Nomination forms will be e-mailed to each member of the National Officials Committee and to the Officials Certification Chair of each Association on August 1st of each year. They must be returned to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards by August 30th. The nomination forms must include the name of the individual being nominated along with verified statements of his/her accomplishments.
- All Nominees must endorse the statement of accomplishments to verify the validity of the contents presented by the individual doing the original nomination.
- If there are more than ten nominees, their credentials and statements of accomplishments will be sent to the National Officials Awards Sub-Committee. By secret ballot, the Awards Sub-Committee will select the ten names to be placed on the final ballot.

The procedure for final selection for the individual that will receive the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** is as follows. . .

- The final ballot will be e-mailed to the following or October 1st and the ballot must be returned by October 31st.
 - a) National Officials Committee Executive Committee
 - b) Association Officials Certification Chairs
 - c) At-Large Members
 - d) Athlete's Representatives
 - e) Chairmen Emeritus
 - f) National Liaison Officers
 - g) National Officials Committee Representatives

(The individuals that make up the above group will vote in the following manner. The ranking will be a one for your first choice, a two for your second choice and so forth and your tenth choice will receive a ten and be your final choice. All ten places must be voted on to be an official ballot. The voting will be tallied like a cross country meet in that when you place a number 1 beside a persons name they will receive 1 point while a 10 will give the individual 10 points. The votes will be tallied by the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards and the individual receiving the fewest number of points will be the winner of the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** and presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

Past Winners of Andy Bakjian Award

1982 – Andy Bakjian (Southern California)	1991 – Lawrie Robertson (Pacific Northwest)	2000 – Emmitt Griggs (Gulf)
1983 – Charles Ruter (Kentucky)	1992 – Bill Hartz (Kentucky)	2001 – Susan Polansky (Long Island)
1984 – Ken Cauoette (New England)	1993 – Dee Jensen (North Dakota)	2002 – Finn Hansen (Utah)
1985 – Jack Milne (Mid Atlantic)	1994 – George Kleeman (Pacific)	2003 – Richard Conners (Pacific)
1986 – Hugh Norman (Iowa)	1995 – Leo Costanzo (Pacific)	2004 – James Grey (Ohio)
1987 – Hal Canfield (Tennessee)	1996 – Rhea Warren (Florida)	2005 – Murray Sanford (Georgia)
1988 – Clarence Crawford (Three Rivers)	1997 – John Davis (Illinois)	2006 – Keith Mitchell (Indiana)
1989 – Jerome Perry (North Carolina)	1998 – Chester Bradley (Southwestern)	2007 – Dan Reynolds (Arizona)
1990 – Ron Althoff (Ohio)	1999 – Gene Edmonds (Indiana)	2008 – Robert Podkaminer (Pacific)

For the past year 14 nominations were received by the Awards Committee and one declined the nomination therefore 13 names were presented National Officials Executive Committee and the following are the 10 finalists for the 2009 Andy Bakjian Award

1. John C.D. Drolla, Jr (South Texas)	6. Barbara J. Palma (Adirondack)
2. Robert Marcus (Southern California)	7. Kelly Rankin (Oregon)
3. Lloyd B. McMillan (Potomac Valley)	8. Warren J. Ring (Metropolitan)
4. William D. Mongovan (Connecticut)	9. Robert P. Tice (North Carolina)
5. Virginia R. Mulanax (Ozark)	10. Anthony P. Wayne (North Carolina)

In 2005 there were 82 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. The following 25 did not vote . . . Donald Austin, John Bahakel, Darrell Baldwin, Gilbert Bradfield, Kenneth Chomo, Harold Cribbs, Clyde Crimmel, John Drollo, Merrill Fischbein, Raymond Fitzhugh, David Hampton, Rex Harvey, Mark Heckel, Thomas Hott, Denise Hutchins, Perry Jenkins, Val Judd, Karen Krsak, Thomas Light, Richard Minyard, Joann Mitchell, Martin Olivares, Barbara Palma, Patrick Pretty and Andrew Wiley. In 2005 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 70%.

In 2006 there were 83 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. The following 12 did not vote . . . Donald Austin, Gilbert Bradfield, Harold Cribbs, John Drolla, Merrill Fischbein, Val Judd, Thomas Light, Richard Minyard, Barbara Palma, Dale Settje, Sam Walker and Andrew Wiley. In 2006 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 87%.

In 2007 there were 125 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. The following 41 did not vote Larry Antoniazzi, John Behakel, Derrek Benkompas, Albert Border, William Boyd, Gilbert Bradfield, Randy Brown, Richard Cabral, Clyde Crimmel, Jon Drummond, James Duncan, Merrill Fischbein, Sam Gorman, Frank Greenburg, Kevin Harrison, Denise Hutchins, Thomas Johnson, Harold Leonard, Tom Light, Duncan MacGregor, Al Minturn, Richard Minyard, Ralph Neighbors, Joey Newsome, Cedric Newman, Cassandra Norton, Jerome Perry, Raymond Pierre, Alma Price, Curt Ransford, Ross Ruchti, Adam Sanford, Stanley Scott, Dale Settje, Sam Smith, Jimmy Stuart, Edward Stuffle, Sam Walker, Tony Wayne, Andrew Wiley and Frank Wolfsheimer. In 2007 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 67%.

In 2008 there were 132 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. The following 41 did not vote. . . . Darrell Baldwin, Laurie Boemker, Al Booker, Gilbert Bradfield, Ken Cauoette, Jon Drummond, James Duncan, Merrill Fischbein, Ray Fitzhugh, Mary Lou Goomis, Frank Greensburg, Gary Humekawa, Robert Hooper, Nancy Kuyoth, Robert Kuyoth, Patrick Lavelle, Harold Leonard, Tom Light, Bruce Long, Lillian Mahoney, Al Minturn, Richard Maynard, Paul Morency, Gary Morgan, Cassandra Norton, Jerome Perry, Antonio Pettigrew, Raymond Pierre, Alma Price, Ross Ruchiti, Martha Sharpe, Shelby Sharpe, Sam Smith, Jimmy Stuart, Morris Vogel, Gary Westerfield, Monique White, Ruth White, Andrew Wiley and Earl Williams. In 2008 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 69%.

For the Olympiad Period 422 were eligible to vote and of this total 119 failed to vote. This leaves a total of 303 voting for the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** for the four year period for a percentage of 72%.

In 2009 there were 136 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. The following 30 did not vote . . . Radir Annor, Don Austin, Virginia Bell, Walter Bell, Brian Brase, Merrill Fischbein, Robert Fontaine, David Garcia, Frank Greenburg, Rex Harvey, Denise Hutchins, Sven Jordan, Val Judd, Mark Lloyd, William Long, Lillian Mahoney, John McNichols, Richard Milan, Richard Minyard, Perry Jenkins, Jerome Perry, Adam Smith, Gordon Scruton, Sam Smith, Richard Sutton, Larry Swearingen, Jerry Westfall, Ruth White, Frank Wolfsheimer and Henry Woods. In 2009 the percentage of eligible voters actually casting a vote was 77.9%.

Hall of Fame Award:

Criteria for Nominations

Before nominating an official, check the list of current nominees to see if the person already has been nominated. It is not necessary to fill out a new nomination form for persons who already are nominated. They remain on the on an active nominating list for a period of five years. This Hall of Fame is intended to honor those certified Officials who have contributed significant efforts locally, nationally and, perhaps internationally. Nominees may be actively working, emeritus or deceased.

Nomination and Selection Process

Officials being placed in nomination shall have:

- Officiated for at least twenty (20) years.
- Served as an outstanding official for at least several levels of competition – eg: youth, high school, collegiate, open, masters, national and/or internationally.
- Officiating skills of the highest level and shall be recognized and respected by his/her peers.
- Received local association officials' awards and/or national awards such as the Andy Bakjian, Horace Crow, Charles Ruter, John Davis or Jim Grey awards, and/or awards of recognition by the National Organization or International awards.
- Been a competition official displaying leadership ability by having served as a head official, coordinator or administrator at national meets.

Nomination shall be accepted from anyone in the track and field community. They will be solicited from the general certified USATF Officials Committee. Nominations can come from other sources such as members of the National Sports Committees or Coaches Committee. There will also be solicitations of those who have been inducted into the Officials Hall of Fame.

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2007 at Honolulu, Hawaii	
Andy Bakjian – Southern California Association	Emmitt Griggs – Gulf Association
Chester Bradley – Southwestern Association	Finn Hansen – Utah Association
Ken Caouette – New England Association	Dee Jensen – Dakotas Association
Leo Costanzo – Pacific Association	Barbara Palma – Adirondack Association
Horace Crow – Pacific Association	Pat Rico – Metropolitan Association
John Davis – Illinois Association	Charles Ruter – Kentucky Association

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2008 at Reno, Nevada	
Ron Althoff – Ohio Association	Lori Maynard – Pacific Association
Clarence Crawford – Three Rivers Association	Heliodoro Rico – Metropolitan Association
Shirley Crowe – Gulf Association	Murray Sanford – Georgia Association
James Grey – Ohio Association	Tom Turk – Missouri Valley Association
George Kleeman – Pacific Association	

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2009 at Indianapolis, Indiana	
Richard L. Connors – Pacific Association	Stanley L. Underwood – Tennessee Association
Keith C. Mitchell – Indiana Association	W.A. Wise – West Texas Association
Warren J. Ring – Metropolitan Association	