

Montana Officials Association
HALL OF FAME

The Regional Directors of the Montana Officials Association established the MOA Hall of Fame in 1984 with the purpose of recognizing those individuals who have shown distinguished and dedicated service.

Section (1) NAME

This feature of the Montana Officials Association shall be titled the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame.

Section (2) GOVERNANCE

The governance of the Montana Officials' Association Hall of Fame shall be embodied in the Montana Officials Association Regional Directors.

Section (3) SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- A. The MOA Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall have twelve (12) anonymous members as follows:
 - 1. One (1) member from Montana High School Association Executive Staff.
 - 2. One (1) member representing each of the Eleven (11) regions in the Montana Officials Association
- B. Names of the Selection Committee individuals will be anonymous to the public.
- C. Members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Montana Officials Association Commissioner with approval from the Montana High School Association Executive Director.
- D. Vacancies on the Selection Committee shall be filled by the Montana Officials Association Commissioner with approval from the Montana High School Association Executive Director.
- E. All appointed members shall serve a four (4) year term. Members can be reappointed.
- F. Committee membership shall begin July 1st.

Section (4) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MONTANA OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION

The duties and responsibilities of the Montana Officials' Association office staff shall be:

- A. To receive nominations of persons who shall be considered for election to the Officials' Hall of Fame.
- B. To keep a current, accurate and complete accounting of the candidates for the Officials' Hall of Fame.
- C. Prepare and send out all correspondence as required.
- D. Tally committee ballots.
- E. Prepare press releases of inductees.
- F. Validate candidate information upon request to the selection committee.

Section (5) NOMINATIONS

- A. Nominations for the MOA Hall of Fame may be made by:
 - 1. Representatives of Montana Officials' Association
 - 2. Members of the MOA Hall of Fame Committee.
 - 3. The general public.
- B. Nomination for the MOA Hall of Fame requirements and limitations:
 - 1. Cover Letter

- 2. MOA Hall of Fame Nomination form – The form must be signed by the candidates Regional Director to be considered.
- 3. Photocopies (8 ½" x 11") of not more than six (6) of the following: newspaper clippings, magazine articles, event programs, or other such materials that detail information about the nominee's accomplishments (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS). Please do not use notebooks with plastic sheet protectors or highlighters to point out specific facts; either underline or draw arrows to mark copy.
- 4. Letters - a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) letters of recommendation explaining why you think this individual is worthy of this honor. Please limit each letter to ONE typewritten page. Letters of recommendation for other awards or honors should not be used as a substitute for this requirement.

- C. The selection of candidates will occur every year. Nomination forms are routed through the Regional Director and are due in the MOA office by April 1st of each year. Nominees remain in consideration for a period of five years. Any nomination received after the candidates' materials have been sent to the Selection Committee will be held until the next election. The timeline is as follows:

- April 1st: Nominations are due at the MOA office.
- April 20th: Nominations are forwarded to the Selection Committee.
- May 15th: Selection Committee ballots are due to the MOA office.
- June: Inductees are notified.
- June: Winners are announced to the media.

- D. The two categories of the Montana Officials' Association Hall of Fame are:

- 1. Modern era - a person who has experienced outstanding achievement as an official while registered in the Montana Official Association. A modern competitor is eligible for nomination a minimum of one year after his/her retirement.
- 2. Old timer - a person who has experienced outstanding achievement as an official while registered in the MOA. An old timer has over twenty-five (25) years of service with the MOA. At least one old timer will be inducted annually if the criteria are met.

The criteria for selection in both of these categories include:

- a. LONGEVITY - Consideration is given for length of service as a member of the MOA and officiating service.
- b. MULTIPLE SPORTS - Consideration is also given to those officials who have officiated multiple sports throughout their career.
- c. PLAYOFF/TOURNAMENT/OFFICIATING - Consideration is given for the different levels of competition officiated, for example district, divisional, and state tournaments, along with football and soccer playoffs. This will include the number of tournaments officiated, with more consideration afforded for working at the higher levels of post season events.
- d. HONORS - Consider Distinguished Service Awards, NFOA Awards, or any recognition the official has received as a result of his/her being involved in MOA.
- e. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE - This could include serving in a leadership role of his/her local association/pool, a trainer of young officials, MOA Regional Director etc.

- E. The Selection Committee shall consider all candidates sent to the individual committee members. Each committee member shall vote for a maximum of ten (10) candidates each year. At least one inductee must be from the "old timer" category if the criteria are met.

- F. The Selection Committee will receive an updated packet of information for each candidate for each election. Files of inducted candidates can be discarded. Files of unsuccessful candidates will be retained by the MOA office to which new files will be added and distributed for each election. A candidate who has not been elected within five (5) ballots will

be dropped from the list of eligible candidates and shall not have his/her name reconsidered unless re-nominated.

1984 INAUGURAL INDUCTEES

Edward "Barney" Berger..... Lewistown
 Lloyd "Bergy" Bergstrom..... Billings
 Ernest "Al" Blockey..... Bozeman
 Fred Brown..... Billings
 J. Robert "Bob" Chilton..... Helena
 Hubert "Buzz" Christiansen..... Billings
 Robert "Bob" Edwards..... Billings
 Ken Fowell..... Great Falls
 John "Johnnie" Good..... Butte
 C. E. "Mike" Henry..... Lewistown
 Frank "Bud" Holter..... Miles City
 Stan Krivec..... Billings
 George "Nig" McGrath..... Butte
 Toby Nelson..... Polson
 Henry Rae..... Red Lodge
 Paul Schmaltz..... Billings
 Carl Shogren..... Billings
 Paul "Casey" Stengel..... Miles City
 Pete J. Tuss..... Lewistown
 James Wedin..... Ramsay
 Glenn Welch..... Butte
 Walter Zimmerman..... Billings

1985

Wilbur "Bunny" Augustine.... Great Falls
 Ron Balzer..... Worden
 Chuck Bartell..... Great Falls
 Don Bettise..... Billings
 James Dellwo..... Choteau
 Jim Emmons..... Deer Lodge
 Jim Fleming..... Billings
 Dick Hansen..... Worden
 Bill Hodges..... Great Falls
 Clarence Hofmann..... Worden
 Johnny Jones..... Billings
 Joe McElwain..... Butte
 Bob Murray..... Great Falls
 Danny Price..... Sidney
 Nic Schneider..... Billings
 Ken "Skilly" Skillestad..... Glendive
 Pete Vavich..... Bozeman
 Hal Webb..... Great Falls
 Norm Zieske..... Sidney

1986

Rex Dougherty..... Sidney
 Farrell "Cap" Griffin..... Billings
 Cliff Hagfeldt..... Scobey
 Leon "Jake" Jacobs..... Lewistown
 John Mora..... Great Falls
 Dick Muffick..... Helena
 Gene Pearson..... Billings
 Jim Stevens..... Butte
 Dean Turner..... Billings
 Bill Wallinder..... Missoula
 Roy Wood..... Havre

1987

Webster "Webb" Briggs..... Box Elder
 Richard "Dick" Buehler..... Billings
 Eleanor Buzalsky..... Bozeman
 Tony Carlson..... Great Falls
 Dale Combs..... Wise River
 Floyd Dawson..... Belt
 Fred Daylis..... Billings
 Neil Eliason..... Bozeman

Carl "Swede" Fahlgren..... Malta
 Henry Fiske..... Helena
 Walt Hantsman..... Great Falls
 Neil Hart..... Kalispell
 John Kosich..... Billings
 Dave Nebel..... Great Falls
 George "Bruin" O'Donnell..... Billings
 Donald L. Olson..... Great Falls
 John Shoquist..... Great Falls
 John "Jack" Toy..... Great Falls

1988

Robert "Bob" Bedard..... Missoula
 Mike Cloud..... Helena
 Tony Dalich..... Great Falls
 Eli "Doc" Doyra..... Great Falls
 Leonard "Bud" Seelinger..... Havre
 Don Ward..... Lewistown

1989

Doug Dierenfield..... Billings
 Don Richman..... Harlem
 Jim Simpson..... Helena

1990

Bill O'Grady..... Great Falls
 Frank "Frog" Hull..... Dillon
 Joe Morstein..... Dillon
 Bill Redmond..... Kalispell

1991

Doug Bussell..... Shelby
 Jim Kello..... Butte
 Dan Marinkovich..... Anaconda

1992

Tom Campbell..... Helena
 Nels Christiansen..... Billings
 Floyd Creekmore..... Billings
 Bernard "Swede" Goodheart..... Malta
 Ron Hathaway..... Miles City
 Guy Miller..... Belgrade

1993

Dennis Arndt..... Great Falls
 Jim Kuka..... Havre
 Fred McDermott..... Helena
 Gene McMahon..... Helena
 Bob Pike..... Columbia Falls
 Bill Wilkerson..... Great Falls
 Bob Wilson..... Billings

1994

Jim Benn..... Missoula
 Darryl Dupuis..... Polson
 Marvin Kildahl..... Great Falls
 Frank McElwain..... Missoula
 Ron Nistler..... Billings
 Richard Smith..... Kalispell
 Oscar Wirtala..... Billings

1995

Erwin Byrnes..... Missoula
 Phil Caldwell..... Great Falls
 Henry Hofeldt..... Chinook

1996

Bob Sheridan..... Missoula

1997

Mike Furlong..... Helena
 Jim McKenzie..... Billings

1998

John Maloney..... Helena
 Dan Rust..... Bozeman

1999

Jim Combo..... Butte
 Bob Frank..... Sidney
 Bill Hogart..... Butte

2000

Gene Cook..... Great Falls
 Bob Dickson..... Miles City
 Gary Mihelish..... Helena
 Mark Shafer..... Whitefish

2001

Gerry Butner..... Sidney
 Dick Schipporeit..... Missoula

2002

Bob Lemelin..... Anaconda
 Bud Rausch..... Billings

2003

Wayne Giese..... Sidney
 Jim Lodge..... Missoula

2004

Kevin Bochy..... Billings

2005

Don Peoples..... Butte

2006

Chuck Brooks..... Libby
 Terry Sather..... Havre

2007

Dick Huse..... Missoula
 Ken Leland..... Great Falls

2008

Doug Ellingson..... Miles City
 Tom Taylor..... Missoula

2009

Rob Brattain..... Great Falls
 Norm Girard..... Glasgow
 Jack Shields..... Lewistown
 Pete Waylett..... Dillon

2010

Irvin Heitz..... Whitefish
 Alan Lear..... Corvallis
 David Zieske..... Plentywood

2011

Rick Baird..... Bigfork
 Chuck Strand..... Miles City

2012

Tom Lorang..... Great Falls
 Fred Salmonsens..... Florence

2013

Gerry Bittner..... Billings

2014

Michael Anderson..... Bozeman

Ron Collins..... Butte
Marty Derrig Billings
John Laney..... Miles City
Tony LaslovichAnaconda
Randy Morrison Belgrade

2015

Hal KarlMissoula
Mike Lynch Billings

2016

Dave Bennetts..... Butte
Doug Crum..... Libby
Keith Ori.....Kalispell

2017

Larry Holman..... Helena
Marvin QualleyFroid
Steve Weston.....Hamilton

2018

Cody Kuntz..... Pompey's Pillar

2019

Ron Hatcher.....Anaconda

2020

No Inductees

2021

Pat Sherman.....Billings

2022

No Inductees

2023

Jim Foran..... Hilger
Suzette Harkin.....Bozeman
Bryan Larson..... Missoula
Bob "Rollo" Rowling.....Butte

2024

*Mike Anderson.....Butte
Dan Boucher.....Havre
Frank Costello Billings
Cal Wirtzberger.....Havre*

2025

**Ned Ellingwood.....Butte
Steve Johnson.....Bozeman
Bryan Porch.....Missoula
Bruce Shipp.....Miles City**

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