

East Zone Awards Committee Report  
Convention Meeting  
Septemeber, 2018

Please continue to encourage coaches, swimmers, officials, parents, and friends to be active in the East Zone Award nomination process. Anyone may send a nomination. There are so many wonderful people who work for this sport. Please help us recognize them. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year, to anyone on the committee (names listed below) forms are on the website now – thanks Katie!

This year (2018) we had 102 Scholar athletes out of about 150 compared to 116 in 2017 and 160 in 2016. This was due to the change in the Scholar Athlete criteria. A, 92%, 3.76. We had said the criteria should make it prestigious and have at least half athletes receiving pins. Do we want to increase requirements again? We have enough pins to get us through 2019 Zones.

We have enough medals to get us through 2019 though if our invitationals get any bigger we may need to buy more gold medals. I had tried to order extra gold medals last year but the supplier was short and couldn't get us more but honored the discounted rate on the lower quantity.

We now have so many more categories that it is overwhelming to plan. Pre-meets need to be filled out to help as early as possible and sent to the meet host. In the Senior Zone portion of the March meet, we are giving out medals for free and tech and sometimes there is only 1 routine(the same team) in free and tech. I propose that in the event there is only 1 routine and it is the same team that only 1 medal is awarded.

Placed an order for new neck ribbons based on the proposal from convention. New neck ribbons cost \$0.81/piece (old ones cost \$1.67 - profit benefits the zone) Due to that profit, we are almost even on the purchases from last seasons medals, ribbons and neck ribbons. The medals in storage will be profit to the zone.

I continue to track shipment of awards for each meet in a spreadsheet, sending the spreadsheet to the host club and the Zone Treasurer. If unused new awards are returned in a timely manner, they are credited against the original cost. The host club is then responsible for sending a check to the Zone Treasurer for the balance due.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hatt  
Vice-Chair  
East Zone Synchronized Swimming

2019 Awards Committee members: Jennifer Hatt (chair), Diane Hunsinger, Sheila Wright, Laura Ehrenreich, Teena Griggs, Patty Flanagan, Betsy McGeoch, Kim Kohut, Karen McGann, Audrey Millar (athlete)