

The Robert M. Ingraham Award

Robert Ingraham founded the AKA in 1964. Until his passing in 1994 he was an avid kiteflier, kite maker, and above all, a promoter of the fellowship of kite flying. This award was originally given by Bob personally to outstanding kitefliers from the Southwest, and presented in Bob's home town at the Silver City, New Mexico, kite festival.

After Bob's death the AKA decided to continue the tradition of presenting this award, but changed it to commemorate and honor the Founder of the AKA by presenting the award to:

Kitefliers, who, during their lifetime career in kiting, have exemplified outstanding volunteerism and service to the American Kitefliers Association, and, who, in the true spirit of Robert Ingraham, have given unselfishly of their time to help the AKA and promote kiting in general.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of seven members:

1. The current and three most recent past presidents of the AKA
2. The three most recent past recipients of the award.

The Committee will be chaired by the current President of the AKA. Under no circumstances may any individual occupy more than one position or cast more than one vote on this committee.

Substitutions will take place as follows:

1. In the event that a past president is unavailable, ineligible or is the current president, the next preceding past president will substitute.
2. In the event that a past recipient is unavailable, ineligible or already occupying a presidential seat on the committee, the next preceding past recipient will substitute.
3. In the event that a vacancy still exists the President shall appoint a well-respected substitute from the ranks of the membership.

NOMINATIONS

An invitation to nominate will be announced to the membership at large. A schedule for nominations and committee review will be designated by the chair in order to allow selection and an announcement during the annual convention.

Nominations will be accepted from members of the AKA and must be seconded and signed by (2) other AKA members. Members may submit or second only one nomination in any given year. Nominations shall be in writing, and include specific examples of the nominee's activities.

SELECTION

Each member of the committee shall rank the nominations in his/her preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) and return his/her ranking to the chairperson no later than one week prior to the first day of the convention. The chairperson shall total the place-finish numbers of the nominees. The selectee will be the nominee with the lowest number. In the event of a tie the chairperson shall cast a tiebreaking vote. It is not necessary that this award be conferred every year if, in the judgement of the committee, no person nominated meets the standards for this award.

The details of voting and the results there of will be shared with the members of the committee prior to the inscription of the permanent and traveling trophies. The committee will not disclose the name of the selectee until the proper time. The details of voting will not be disseminated beyond the members of the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the proper time during the AKA national convention awards banquet, the chairperson or their designate will announce the names of the nominees and the selectee.

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