

SSA Recognized non-Competition Awards

This list shows all of the non-Competition awards that the SSA either sponsors or is involved with during the nomination and/or decision process. Following the list is a page for each of the awards describing the relevant process.

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Award: United States Soaring Hall of Fame

Description:

The United States Soaring Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made the highest achievements in, or contributions to, the sport of soaring in the United States of America.

Nominations made by: Any SSA member

Nominations Due: 30 June

Nominations due to whom: Director, National Soaring Museum, 51 Soaring Hill Drive, Elmira, NY 14903

Nomination Notes: The Hall of Fame Selection Procedure and Guidelines are available online at <http://www.soaringmuseum.org>. **These documents should be read before submitting nominations.**

Award Decision made by: SSA 15-year and Life members, upon recommendation from SSA Board and a Vetting Board

Award Decision due: 31 December

Award Decision notes: Up to two candidates may be elected each year

Where Award is presented: Recognition at Awards Banquet, induction at Hall of Fame banquet at NSM

Award: Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy

Description:

The Eaton Trophy is considered SSA's highest award and is awarded each year to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the art, sport, or science of soaring flight in the United States. While usually awarded to a person who has made his or her contribution during the previous calendar year, this is not mandatory and in certain instances the Directors have gone back in years to pick up some outstanding person not before suitably recognized.

Qualifications: SSA membership

Nominations made by: Any SSA Director

Nominations Due: 1 November

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: Vetted process. Any SSA member can write his/her Director to submit a nomination to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will send ballots to the SSA Directors by mid-November.

Award Decision made by: Ballot from the Board of Directors upon recommendation from the Awards Committee.

Award Decision due: 1 December

Award Decision notes:

The Awards Committee will receive the nominations and decide on the candidates to be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval along with a recommended choice.

Where Award is presented:

Awards Banquet (or Regional Event if no Banquet in that year)

Award: Paul Schweizer Lifetime Award

Description:

The Paul Schweizer Lifetime Service Award recognizes those SSA members who have made an exceptional, continuing contribution to fostering and promoting soaring over a period of at least three decades. This award was established in 1993 by the Directors of The Soaring Society of America.

Qualifications: Each nominee must have held some category of SSA membership for at least 30 consecutive years. They must also be at least 50 years of age (may be waived in the case of a posthumous award), and must have made a significant and substantial contribution to SSA's stated mission, "...to foster and promote soaring on a national and international basis"

Nominations made by: Any current SSA member and must be co-signed by at least four additional current SSA members.

Nominations Due: 1 November

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: Vetted process. All nominations submitted will be screened by the Awards Committee. Only those nominees found qualified will be submitted to the Board for actual selection.

Award Decision made by: Ballot from the Board of Directors upon recommendation from the Awards Committee.

Award Decision due: 1 December

Award Decision notes: A 75% vote of approval from the received ballots is required for approval.

Where Award is presented:

Awards Banquet (or Regional Event if no Banquet in that year)

Award: SSA Chairman's Award

Description:

The Chairman's Award of the SSA is presented to offer special recognition to an individual or group who has given special service to the sport or the society and who might not be recognized under other SSA standing awards.

Qualifications: SSA membership or special relationship to SSA

Nominations made by: N/A

Nominations Due: N/A

Nominations due to whom: N/A

Nomination Notes: None

Award Decision made by: SSA Chairman

Award Decision due: Fall Board Meeting

Award Decision notes:

The Chairman will make his/her decision known to the Board of Directors at the Fall Board Meeting.

Where Award is presented:

Awards Banquet (or Regional Event if no Banquet in that year)

Award: SSA Exceptional Achievement Award

Description:

This award was established by the SSA Directors in 1964 to recognize individuals and groups whose achievements have been, in the opinion of the Directors, of such import as to warrant special recognition for such achievements that do not normally qualify under other established SSA awards.

Qualifications: SSA membership or special relationship to SSA

Nominations made by: Any SSA member

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: [Any SSA Director](#) or the [Awards Committee](#)

Nomination Notes: Normal process.

Award Decision made by: SSA Board of Directors

Award Decision due: Fall Board Meeting

Award Decision notes:

Voted on at the Fall Board Meeting

Where Award is presented:

Awards Banquet (or Regional Event if no Banquet in that year)

Award: SSA Exceptional Service Award

Description:

This award was established by the SSA Directors in 1964 to recognize individuals and groups whose service to SSA has been, in the opinion of the Directors, of utmost value to the Society.

Qualifications: SSA membership or special relationship to SSA

Nominations made by: Any SSA member

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: [Any SSA Director](#) or the [Awards Committee](#)

Nomination Notes: Normal process.

Award Decision made by: SSA Board of Directors

Award Decision due: Fall Board Meeting

Award Decision notes:

Voted on at the Fall Board Meeting

Where Award is presented:

Awards Banquet (or Regional Event if no Banquet in that year)

Award: SSA Certificate of Appreciation

Description:

This award was established by the SSA Directors in 1964 to recognize individuals and groups whose contribution to the Society, in the opinion of the Directors, is such that the Directors deem special recognition is in order. Each Regional Director will be allowed one nomination each year, designated as the **SSA Certificate of Appreciation**, for an individual or organization in that region to be recognized for local or regional efforts, as this level of work is work that promotes the sport of soaring and therefore is also of value to The Soaring Society of America, Inc. The efforts to be recognized for a local or regional nominee will be over a period of at least 5 years.

Qualifications: SSA membership or special relationship to SSA

Nominations made by: Any SSA member

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: [Any SSA Director](#) or the [Awards Committee](#)

Nomination Notes: Normal and vetted process.

Award Decision made by: SSA Board of Directors

Award Decision due: Fall Board Meeting

Award Decision notes:

Voted on at the Fall Board Meeting. Local or regional nominations will be vetted by the Awards Committee before being presented to the Board of Directors.

Where Award is presented:

General Members Meeting (or Regional Event if no Convention in that year)

Award: Spratt Award

Description:

In order to honor Charlie's legacy, the Spratt Award was created to celebrate those individuals that follow in Charlie Spratt's footsteps, by working on the ground to create the best competition soaring environment, over a significant period of time.

Qualifications: Must be a ground worker in competition, not a pilot.

Nominations made by: Any SSA member

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: The Spratt Award Committee will be comprised of 3 (three) SSA members that are well versed in competition organization and who will report to the Awards committee chairperson.

Nomination Notes: Normal process by Charlie Spratt Committee. This award is designed to celebrate the achievements of those who work on the ground; those that enhance or create a contribution to competitions, and have done so for a significant length of time.

Award Decision made by: SSA Directors

Award Decision due: Fall Board Meeting

Award Decision notes: N/A

Where Award is presented:

General Members Meeting (or Regional Event if no Convention in that year)

Award: Most Active Instructor Award

Description:

This award is given to the SSA Instructor who has awarded the most A, B, and C badges. The most active instructor in each Region will also be recognized with this award.

Qualifications: Designated SSA Instructor.

Nominations made by: N/A

Nominations Due: N/A

Nominations due to whom: N/A

Nomination Notes: Determined by SSA Staff from total A, B, and C badge submissions for the year.

Award Decision made by: SSA Staff with concurrence of Awards Committee

Award Decision due: 31 January

Award Decision notes: None.

Where Award is presented:

General Members Meeting (or Regional Event if no Convention in that year)

Award: Joseph C. Lincoln Memorial Award

Description:

This award was established by the Harris Hill Soaring Corporation, in memory of Joseph C. Lincoln, whose writings about soaring did so much to get people started in the sport of soaring.

Qualifications: Soaring related books, poems, magazine articles, newsletter articles and other media such as DVDs may be submitted.

Nominations made by: Any individual or group

Nominations Due: 1 October

Nominations due to whom: Harris Hill Soaring Corporation, 62 Soaring Hill Drive, Elmira, NY 14903

Nomination Notes: Full process described on Harris Hill Soaring Corporation web site: www.harrishillsoaring.org Submissions must have been published, in the English language, between July 1 of the previous two years through June 30 of the year of the award.

Award Decision made by: HHSC Awards Committee

Award Decision due: Thanksgiving weekend

Where Award is presented: Announced at the annual Snowbird Contest Banquet at Harris Hill in November; presented at the SSA Convention when possible.

Award: Paul E. Tuntland Award

Description:

The Paul E. Tuntland Award is awarded to a person or persons who, during the preceding year, is deemed to have made an important contribution to the science of soaring flight, as disclosed in a published article or paper discussing the results of a soaring flight made by himself during the year, as determined by the SSA Directors, upon recommendation of the SSA Awards Committee. The Award each year is not mandatory and unless a candidate is proposed by the Awards Committee, no award is made.

Qualifications: SSA membership

Nominations made by: Any SSA Director

Nominations Due: 1 November

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: Vetted process. Any SSA member can write his/her Director to submit a nomination to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will send ballots to the SSA Directors by mid-November.

Award Decision made by: Ballot from the Board of Directors upon recommendation from the Awards Committee.

Award Decision due: 1 December

Award Decision notes:

The Awards Committee will receive the nominations and decide on the candidates to be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval along with a recommended choice.

Where Award is presented:

General Members Meeting (or Regional Event if no Convention in that year)

Award: The Lilienthal Gliding Medal

Description:

The FAI created this international medal in 1938 to reward a particularly remarkable performance in gliding, or eminent services to the sport of gliding over a long period of time.

Qualifications: It may be awarded annually to a glider pilot who has: - established an international record during the past year; or made a pioneer flight (defined as a flight which has opened new possibilities for gliding and/or gliding techniques); or rendered eminent service to the sport of gliding over a significant period of time, and is still an active glider pilot.

Nominations made by: Any current SSA member.

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: All nominations submitted will be screened by the Awards Committee. Only those nominees found qualified will be submitted to the Board for presentation to the National Aeronautic Association who will make the formal nomination to the FAI committee by the end of the year.

Award Decision made by: The FAI as posted in their [chapters 10 to 12 of the By-Laws to the FAI Statutes](#).

Award Decision due: At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award Decision notes: None.

Where Award is presented:

At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award: The Pelagia Majewska Gliding Medal

Description:

This Medal was created by the FAI in 1989, following a proposal by the Aero Club of Poland, in memory of Madame Pelagia Majewska, eminent Polish glider pilot awarded the Lilienthal Medal for 1960, and holder of 17 world gliding records, who lost her life in an air accident in 1988. The Medal is offered to the FAI by the Aero Club of Poland.

Qualifications: It may be awarded annually, on recommendation by the FAI Gliding Commission, to a female glider pilot to reward: a particularly remarkable performance in gliding during the past year, or eminent services to gliding over a long period of time.

Nominations made by: Any current SSA member.

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: All nominations submitted will be screened by the Awards Committee. Only those nominees found qualified will be submitted to the Board for presentation to the National Aeronautic Association who will make the formal nomination to the FAI committee by the end of the year.

Award Decision made by: The FAI as posted in their [chapters 10 to 12 of the By-Laws to the FAI Statutes](#).

Award Decision due: At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award Decision notes: None.

Where Award is presented:

At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award: The Paul Tissandier Diploma

Description:

This Diploma, established by the FAI in 1952, is named after Mr. Paul Tissandier, Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945. It shall be awarded to those who have served the cause of Aviation in general and Sporting Aviation in particular, by their work, initiative, devotion or in other ways.

Qualifications: Anyone active in aviation who has made outstanding contributions to aeronautics and astronautics, especially in the field of sporting aviation..

Nominations made by: Any current SSA member.

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: All nominations submitted will be screened by the Awards Committee. Only those nominees found qualified will be submitted to the Board for presentation to the National Aeronautic Association who will make the formal nomination to the FAI committee by the end of the year.

Award Decision made by: The FAI as posted in their [chapters 10 to 12 of the By-Laws to the FAI Statutes](#).

Award Decision due: At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award Decision notes: None.

Where Award is presented:

At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award: The Pirat Gehriger Diploma

Description:

This Diploma was created by the FAI in memory of Pirat Gehriger, the first President of the International Gliding Commission (CIVV).

Qualifications: A single diploma may be awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding. Exceptionally, the International Gliding Commission may recommend the award of one or two additional diplomas.

Nominations made by: Any current SSA member.

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: All nominations submitted will be screened by the Awards Committee. Only those nominees found qualified will be submitted to the Board for presentation to the National Aeronautic Association who will make the formal nomination to the FAI committee by the end of the year.

Award Decision made by: The FAI as posted in their [chapters 10 to 12 of the By-Laws to the FAI Statutes](#).

Award Decision due: At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award Decision notes: None.

Where Award is presented:

At the Opening Ceremony of the annual FAI General Conference.

Award: The OSTIV Klemperer Award

Description:

The Organization Scientifique et Technique Internationale du Vol à Voile (OSTIV) Plaque/Klemperer Award is presented at each OSTIV congress to a person deemed to have made a noteworthy technical or scientific contribution to soaring flight. The Klemperer Award is a cash stipend derived from the interest earned by the Wolfgang B. Klemperer Memorial Fund, and was first awarded in 1958. The Fund is a trust fund administered by the SSA Trustees.

Qualifications: It may be awarded annually to a glider pilot who has made a noteworthy technical or scientific contribution to soaring flight.

Nominations made by: Any current SSA member.

Nominations Due: 1 September

Nominations due to whom: The Awards Committee

Nomination Notes: All nominations submitted will be screened by the Awards Committee. Only those nominees found qualified will be submitted to the Board for presentation to the OSTIV board by the end of the year.

Award Decision made by: The OSTIV Board of Directors

Award Decision due: Before the OSTIV Congress.

Award Decision notes: None.

Where Award is presented:

At the OSTIV Congress.