

Bowling Industry Service Awards

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Please take this opportunity to nominate a colleague that you feel is deserving of recognition by the bowling industry. [Submission deadline is December 31.](#)

Victor Lerner Memorial Medal. Awarded to a proprietor for selfless service to the industry over a significant period of time. The Victor Lerner Award is the highest BPAA honor and represents induction into the BPAA Hall of Fame. This award requires final approval from the Board of Directors.

Past recipients include: Cathy DeSocio, Tom Martino, Dick Corley, Wes Becker, Mark Voight, Michael Ducat, Jack Moran, Jeff Bojè, Pat Ciniello, Ted Hoffman, Jr., Rex Haney, Howard Baum, John Sommer, Ruth Macklin, John Crum & Jamie Brooks.

V.A. Wapensky Award. Recognizes an individual who has made a major contribution to the advancement of the bowling industry.

Past recipients include: Jim Stubler, Andy Bartholomy, Rick Goins, Bill Chrisman, Gary Forman, Hero Noda, John Davis, Bob Gudorf, Roger Dalkin, Mike Hennessy, Bruce Davis and Dick Evans.

Ruben A. Dankoff Award for Public Policy & Legislative Service. Awarded to an individual or organization who provides outstanding voluntary service on the federal, state or local government level in the development of legislation, public policy initiatives or other political efforts which benefit BPAA members or the industry as a whole.

Past recipients include Steve Weimer, Roger Nyquist, Reggie Frederick, Deb Bojè, David Bardon, Bill DeDominicis, Bob Stubler & Kenn Rockler

Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award. Recognizes a person who spent a lifetime setting the standard for all bowling athletes by elevating the positive image of bowling and promoting the game and sport of bowling to all ages both on and off the lanes.

Past recipients include John Janawicz, Shannon O'Keefe, Jason Belmonte, Lynda Barnes, Kelly Kulick, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Bob Hart, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby.

Special Projects Award. Presented to an individual or group to recognize their efforts and contributions on a particular special project, program or event that benefits the bowling industry.

Past recipients include Mandy Haws, Jack McCarthy, Dave Driscoll, BCAW, Natalie Savant for Natalie's Striking Summer, Hall of Fame Xtravaganza, Bev Van Blair, Dan Labrecque, Hank Harris, Wally Hall, CJ Fox, Greg Olsen and Scott Bennett Publishing.

BPAA Media Award. Recognizes a media representative for significant contributions to furthering the sport and business of bowling.

Past recipients include Mookie Betts, Keith Hamilton, Kevin Hong, Dude Perfect, Kids Bowl Free, Chicago Sun Times, John and Joe LaSpina, ESPN Radio's Mike and Mike in the Morning, Ken Lowe, Matt Fiorito and Good Morning America.

USBC Association Award. Presented to a local USBC association who has demonstrated a high degree of cooperation with their local BPAA proprietor group.

Past USBC associations include Central Ohio, Southern Nevada, Greater Baton Rouge, Great San Antonio, Metro Detroit, Harrisburg, Greater Killeen-Fort Hood, Suburban Windy City, Staten Island and Great Plains,

If you have any questions about these awards, please contact BPAA (Laurie@BPAA.com) or any of the Awards Committee members.