



## PIA Standard Operating Procedure 322 v.1.3 Attachment A

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Parachute & Skydiving awards presented by The Parachute Industry Association (PIA).

The PIA Awards Committee shall recommend nominees for PIA consideration for PIA awards, medals and other special recognition.

#### **PIA Don Beck Memorial Achievement Award**

The highest PIA award is often a surprise and may be presented at the International Parachute Symposium. "Don Beck Memorial" was added to the title of the award in 1988.

Eligibility: For parachute or skydiving achievements that have stood the test of time.

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Past Recipients:

1981: Russ Gunby

1982: Ken Coleman

1983: Bill Booth

1984: Bill Ottley

1987: Don Beck (posthumously).

1989: Ted Strong

1990: Dan-San Abbott

1993: Lowell Bachman

1999: Helmet Cloth

2001: Paul Thompson

2003: Elek Puskas

2005: Dan Poynter

2007: Dave DeWolf

2009: Floyd J. Smith, Posthumously

Submission procedures:

Submit nominees to the chair of the PIA Awards Committee.

Deadline date: July 1.

## **PIA Distinguished Leadership Award**

PIA's second most prestigious award was created in 2001.

Eligibility: In recognition of individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the parachute industry or the Parachute Industry Association.

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Past Recipients:

2001: Bob Sinclair

2003: Erwin Weuster

2005: Jean Beck

2007: Sandy Reid

2009: Bill Gerrow

Submission procedures:

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Deadline date: July 1.

## **PIA Roll of Honor**

This award was created at the September 2007 meeting.

The Roll of Honor will be a permanent display at the National Skydiving Museum once the museum is completed. We anticipate the exhibit to be more than just a plaque with the names.

A permanent piece of art or statue with the names of Honorees engraved as a permanent record of their service to the organization. The Honorarium is to be \$1000.00. The start-up funds set aside will be used to cover the initial cost of the exhibit. Future funds are to be used for the addition of names and as they accumulate to help with the operation of the Headquarters / Museum.

Eligibility: Honorees shall include both civilian and military members who have been active supporters of the organization.

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Honorees:

2007: Jim Bates, Clarke Bourdon, Danny Page and Don Yahrling.

In addition Ian Bellis, Ellen Bussemaker and Richard Charter were included in the initial list.

These three names had been submitted prior to the official "naming" of the Honorarium.

2008: Lowell Bachman, Don Beck, Patti Chernis, Shorty Janousek, Allen Levinson, and Joe Smith.

Submission procedures:

Submit nominees to the chair of the PIA Awards Committee.  
Deadline date: None

### **PIA Member of the Year**

This award was created by majority vote of the plenary session in 1993.

This award was eliminated by majority vote of the plenary session in 1995.

Re-established in 2003.

Eligibility: Presented to the PIA member who has been instrumental in promoting projects for PIA.

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Past Recipients:

2003: Mo Gionfriddo

2005: Wendy Plummer

2007: Pat Wilson

2008: Pat Thomas

Submission procedures:

Submit nominees to the chair of the PIA Awards Committee.

Deadline date: July 1.

### **Honorary Lifetime PIA Membership**

Awarded to a celebrity with a parachute or skydiving connection that has brought attention to the industry. Often awarded to the keynote speaker at the PIA Symposium. First created in 1997 to honor President George Bush in Houston.

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Past Recipients:

1997: President George Bush

1999: Theo Knacke

2001: Col. Joe W. Kittinger, Jr.

2003: Lew Sanborn & Bill Ottley

2005: Dick Rutan

Submission procedures:

Submit nominees to the chair of the PIA Awards Committee.

Deadline date: July 1.

### **PIA Officer Plaques**

The plaques were created in 1986.

Eligibility: Perpetual plaques shall be awarded to the PIA president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Each officer shall have his or her plate engraved. Each officer shall pass the perpetual plaque on to his or her successor.

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Past Recipients:

PIA president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Submission procedures:

None. These officers are elected by the membership.

Deadline date: None.

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

Certificates of Appreciation shall be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair on an as needed basis.

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### **Best Symposium Exhibit (Best Booth Award)**

Eligibility:

Exhibitor at the PIA International Parachute Symposium.

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Past Recipients:

1993: Para Sport Italia

1995: Jump Shack

1997: Rigging Innovations

1999: Parachutes de France

2001: Airtec

2003: Aerodyne Research

2005: Precision Aerodynamics

2007: Sky Systems

2008: CIMSA

2009: Larsen & Brusgaard

Submission procedures: Judged by a committee of parachute magazine/newsletter editors.

The winner is announced at the closing symposium banquet.

Deadline date: Last day of the PIA Symposium

## **Handshake Award**

The purpose of the Handshake award is to promote social mixing at the PIA symposium. A secret ringer is selected to choose a secret number and then to count the people who volunteer to shake his or her hand. The person shaking at the pre-selected count is the winner. The prize is selected by the Symposium Committee.

Eligibility:

Award is given to the PIA Symposium attendee who shakes the hand of the mystery hand shaker.

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Submission procedures:

The mystery hand shaker is appointed by the Symposium chair or his or her delegate.

Deadline date: Last day of the PIA International Parachute symposium.