

The Steve Edeikin Memorial Kiteflier of the Year Award

Whereas Steve Edeiken was amongst the best loved, most respected and most active members of the American Kitefliers Association and, Whereas, Steve Edeiken died in a tragic kiting accident September 24, 1983; Therefore, the American Kitefliers Association does establish the "STEVE EDEIKEN MEMORIAL KITEFLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD".

The award will be presented at the annual convention of the American Kitefliers Association (AKA) to a member who will be selected and announced as "The Kiteflier of the Year". The recipient of the award will be presented a traveling trophy to be in possession of the recipient for one year being returned to AKA in time for the next annual convention. The trophy will be inscribed with the name of each recipient, there being provision for at least twenty names thereon. The recipient will also receive a suitable plaque that will remain permanently in the possession of each recipient.

CRITERIA

The Kiteflier of the Year will be a person who, during their lifetime, will have shown friendly, loving, fair, and even-handed concern for:

1. People in general, but kitefliers in particular,
 2. Kiteflying in general, but for craftsmanship and technical developments in particular, and
 3. Communication in general, but for leading and participating in kite events in particular.
- It is the opinion of the American Kitefliers Association that these criteria best exemplify the character of Steve Edeiken.

The Selection Committee will weight their choice 25% to nominee's activities during the latest twelve months and 75% to past activities.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of seven members:

1. Erin Edeiken
2. The current and two most recent past presidents of the AKA
3. 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 Erin Edeiken cannot or chooses not to participate in a given year, the president will appoint a well-respected substitute from the ranks of the membership.
2. In the event that a past president is unavailable, ineligible or is the current president, the next preceding past president will substitute.

3. 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.
4. 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 kiting 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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