2015 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes those individuals who go “Above and Beyond” in their service to their local officials’ association and who have had a significant impact on our students.

Carl Britt, Las Vegas, NV

Carl was an outstanding football and basketball official for 21 years from the Minneapolis Officials Association, and just as important, he provided tremendous service to the Association as a respected leader and mentor. Carl has taught officiating classes for youth programs, evaluated officials and has had a major impact on developing not only the officiating skills, but also the life skills of many association members.

Bill Kronschnabel, St. Paul

Bill was an on-ice official for 37 years and the President of the St. Paul Hockey Official’s Association for nine years. The ultimate professional, he has a tremendous influence on the Association through leadership, recruitment, training, evaluating, and developing officials as well as providing legal advice. One member describes Bill as the “Gold Standard for High School Hockey Officials.”

John Monson, New Hope

A member of the Gopher State Officials Association for 34 years, John’s main contribution has been in providing technology for Gopher, including the development of their web site 25 years ago. He has been a pioneer in the advancement of technology for officials. John has officiated Football, Basketball and Adapted sports from youth through the varsity level and is a classic role model to all in: “service above self.”
Char Robinet, Rochester

A member of the Rochester Area Officials Association for 30 years, Char’s main contribution has been through mentoring young officials in volleyball and softball. Many officials she has mentored have advanced to the State Tournament level. She has officiated Softball for over 40 years, evaluates officials, and is extremely active in Community Service, including service to area schools and youth programs.

Mike Roff, Champlin

Mike has been a mainstay of the Skyline Wrestling Officials Association for 23 years. During that time he has served as President, vice-president, Rules Clinician, the Assignment Secretary, and developed a successful strategic plan. Mike has been a strong advocate of mentoring and has been very influential in retaining officials. He has been described as the “glue of the association,” and continues to be the person officials go to for rule interpretations and advice.

Jackie Wincek, Brooklyn Center

Jackie is a member of the Minnesota Association for Adapted Athletics and has been officiating Adapted Sports for 20 years and currently serves in the challenging role as the Assignor for Adapted Soccer. She also trains and mentors officials, while being one of our top officials in Adapted Sports. Her enthusiasm for officiating is second to none and the participants she serves are noticeably happier when she appears on the court.