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THE AVA RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM

The AVA Recognition Awards Program was established in 1985 to honor individuals, clubs, and organizations, both within and without the AVA, for service, deeds and accomplishments which have advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting in the United States.

There are four categories of Recognition Awards:

1. AVA Hall of Fame Award

The Hall of Fame Award may be bestowed upon individuals who have given at least five years of service to the AVA at the national, state, and local levels and who have made exceptional contributions to volkssporting which have affected several AVA Regions.

2. AVA Distinguished Achievement Award

The Distinguished Achievement Award may be bestowed upon individuals who have given at least five years of service to the AVA at the national, state or local level and who have made outstanding contributions to volkssporting in the United States or in their AVA Regions.

3. AVA Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award may be bestowed upon individuals who have rendered significant service which contributed to the enhancement of volkssporting.

4. AVA Certificate of Service

Certificates of Service may be bestowed upon individuals, clubs or organizations who have made significant contributions to volkssporting in the United States. Eligibility for a Certificate of Service is achieved either by nomination or by service on a national committee.

Recognition Awards are presented at the AVA Biennial Convention Awards Banquet.

Nominations for Recognition Awards may be made by AVA member clubs, state organizations or members of the AVA Executive Council. Each nomination is reviewed by the appropriate Regional Director and then forwarded to the Recognition Awards Committee. After reviewing all of the nominations in each category, the Committee makes its recommendations to the Executive Council and they make the final determinations.

Many thanks to the numerous clubs, state organizations, and individual volkssporters who noticed when someone was doing an outstanding job, and then took the time to nominate them for a Recognition Award. Thank you, also, to the Recognition Awards Committee, which had the cumbersome job of reviewing each nomination and making their recommendations to the Executive Council. And finally, thank you to EC VI for the very difficult task of reviewing, carefully considering, and voting on each of the committee's recommendations.

Congratulations to each recipient of a 1991 AVA Recognition Award! Each of you has worked hard to make a significant contribution to volkssporting and to encourage healthy, non-competitive recreation across our country. We not only recognize you, we applaud your dedication and thank you for your enthusiasm.

KEEP ON WALKING!

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JULIAN BAUER

1991 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Region: Atlantic

Home Town: Columbia, MD

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Columbia Volksmarch Club
Star Spangled Steppers
Freestate Happy Wanderers
Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 375 Distance: 5,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Founder and former President of the Columbia Volksmarch Club.

An incorporator of the Maryland State Organization.

Stimulated the formation of state organizations for New York, Maine, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Club, state and national officer, including current position as National Treasurer.

Chaired AVA Tours Committee, Short-Range Planning Committee and the "Operational Review of the National Office." Served as Finance Committee Chair of the National Headquarters Committee. Member of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Initiated the AVA Building Fund.

Designed the membership and event fee changes implemented by the AVA in 1989.

Designed the AVA Financial Statements and Balance Sheets and the Customer Satisfaction Report concerning award manufacturers.

TOM BOYD

1991 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Region: Mid-America

Home Town: Belleville, IL

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Illinois Trekkers

The M.T.M. Volkssport Society

S.M.T.M. Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 575 Distance: 6,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Began Volkssporting in Germany in 1976.

Served as Sales Chairman for the Ramstein Roadrunners in Weisbaden, Germany.

Helped start the Illinois Trekkers, the first club in the State of Illinois, and served as its first President.

Helped found the Buffalo Chip Kickers and the Suncoast Striders.

Served as AVA National President for the past four years. Assisted in developing relationships with AARP, Prevention Magazine, and S.A.S. Initiated National Volkssporting Month. Developed the Executive Council Handbook.

Has spent countless hours as an unpaid volunteer in the AVA National Office.

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
1991 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Region: Northwest

Home Town: Federal Way, WA

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Emerald City Wanderers
P.E.O. Pathfinders
Sea-Tac Volkssports Club
Cascade Ramblers
Dayton Walking Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 600 Distance: 6,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Directly contributed to the formation of at least fifteen clubs in Washington, including the Cascade Ramblers which was formed to assist small and sometimes struggling clubs in hosting events. Has served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer for several clubs.

Was an organizer and first Secretary of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association.

Served as Co-Chair of the 1987 AVA Biennial Convention.

Has been AVA National Secretary for the past four years. Served as Chair of the AVA Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Editorial Advisory Committee. Edited the AVA Newsletter. Was the "guiding spirit" behind the rewriting of the AVA Policies and Procedures.

In addition to working on the national level, has continued to work on the local level to enhance events and encourage participation.

Was an active member of the 1990 IVV Presidium Meeting Committee.

PRESTON JOHNSON
1991 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Region: Northwest

Home Town: Federal Way, WA

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Emerald City Wanderers
Sea-Tac Volkssports Club
Cascade Ramblers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 600 Distance: 6,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Formed the Sea-Tac Volkssports Club, the second volkssport club in the State of Washington. Has served as Vice President and Trail Master.

Organized and served as President of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association for three years. Under his leadership, the ESVA became the first (and is still the only) state association with its own office and employee. The number of clubs in the State of Washington grew from six to 31 while he was President.

Aggressively promoted volkssporting with Rockport, Danner Shoes, Nike, REI and others. These contacts eventually led to corporate sponsorships for the AVA.

Co-Chaired the 1987 AVA Biennial Convention. In 1988, sponsored the first AVA Regional Conference, which has become a biennial event in the Northwest Region.

Served for the past four years as the Northwest Regional Director. Coordinated the Year-Round Event Program for two years and successfully campaigned for IVV recognition of YRE's. Chairman of the AVA Long-Range Planning Committee.

Initiated dialogue between the Japan Walking Association and the IVV.

BEN WILKES

1991 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Region: Pacific

Home Town: Clearlake, CA

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Golden Bear Paw Prints
Monterey Peninsula Wanderfreunde
West Texas Trail Walkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 800 Distance: 17,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Founded the Golden Bear Paw Prints. Has served as its President and Vice President.

Charter member of the Monterey Peninsula Die Wanderfreunde.

Helped found the California Volkssport Association, serving as its first Vice President and then President.

Helped start many clubs in California, Hawaii and even Oregon, in some cases being a charter member until the club was on its feet.

Was the first Regional Director for the Pacific Region. Chaired the AVA Long-Range Planning Committee. Served on the National Headquarters Committee. Developed criteria checklist for AVA brochures.

Assisted with Amerikaflug tours in the U.S. and volkssporting tours to Hawaii and Mexico.

Regularly submits articles and photos to The American Wanderer, speaks to service clubs, and assists the AVA and CVA in exhibits at Health Fairs, Parks and Recreation Meetings, etc.

Averages over 30,000 miles of driving per year to visit clubs, work and walk events, and assist clubs who are just starting out.

BERTA WILKES

1991 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Region: Pacific

Home Town: Clearlake, CA

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Golden Bear Paw Prints
Monterey Peninsula Wanderfreunde
West Texas Trailwalkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 800 Distance: 17,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Helped found the Golden Bear Paw Prints. Has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Charter member of the Monterey Peninsula Die Wanderfreunde.

Helped found California Volkssport Association and served as its first Secretary. Chaired the CVA Nominating Committee.

Assisted with the first German Amerikaflug to come to California and with several additional Amerikaflug tours to the state.

Currently serving her second term as Pacific Regional Director. Chaired the Stamps, Books and Awards Committee; Safety Committee; Special Events and Programs Committee; and Disciplinary Action Committee. Served on the AVA Tours Committee.

CHARLENE AGNE-TRAUB**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Burke, VA (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Northern Virginia Volksmarchers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 325 Distance: 5,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

AVA Historian. Compiled The History of Volkssporting in the USA: 1976-1989.

Served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Recording Secretary of her club. Instrumental in establishing the first Year-Round Event in the Atlantic Region.

GOLDIE BAWDEN**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Knob Noster, MO (South Central)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

"Show Me" Volkssport Club
Heart of America Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 275 Distance: 3,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Served as President of "Show Me" Volkssport Club. Assisted in forming many new clubs. Instrumental in organizing the Missouri Volkssport Association; served as its first President. Revitalized the Oklahoma Volkssport Association and is working to organize a Kansas state association. Served two terms on the Executive Council as South Central Regional Director. Assisted with proposal for National Headquarters building in Kansas. Worked to get skating events sanctioned by the AVA.

MARY LOU BENZEL

**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Springfield, VA (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Northern Virginia Volksmarchers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 100 Distance: 500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Has served as club President, Vice President and Chairman of Registration and Awards. Has held state office as Secretary for Virginia Volkssport Association and Editor of "Trailfinder," the VVA publication.

Chair of the 1991 AVA Biennial Convention.

JACK BERRY

**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Edmonds, WA (Northwest)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Puget Sound Slosers
Emerald City Wanderers
Cascade Ramblers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 350 Distance: 5,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Charter member of Puget Sound Slosers and Vice President in charge of trails for past three years. Awarded Honorary Membership in Emerald City Wanderers for his service to the club. Northwest Area Coordinator for the Evergreen State Volkssport Association for the past two years, developing and assisting clubs in his area. Liaison to British Columbia Volkssport Association for both the AVA and the ESVA.

MARVIN BLEVINS**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Overland Park, KS (So. Central)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Heart of America

M.T.M. Volkssport Society

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 300 Distance: 3,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Organized the first Year-Round Walk in Kansas. Served as President of the Heart of America Club. Started the M.T.M. Volkssport Society and served as its first President. Organized the first AVA roller skating event. Developed proposal for relocation of AVA National Headquarters to Kansas.

PETER BORGHINI**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Gorham, ME (Northeast)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Rose Garden Volkssport Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 175 Distance: 4,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Former President of the Southern Maine Volkssport Association and current President of the Rose Garden Volkssport Association. "Has revealed great originality and energy in providing volkssport events in this area" in months lacking in events and on days and hours not generally used for events. Has developed a variety of unusual awards--patches, medals, walking sticks, beer mugs and coffee mugs. "A person with great vitality who is ready to take the initiative" and who has "added to the vitality of our Region."

RONALD BOWERS**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Odenton, MD (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 400 Distance: 8,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Founding President of Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers. Plans "organized, interesting, and safe events with eye-catching brochures and awards," writes the club newsletter and "is always there to help." Past President of Pershing Wanderers. First Vice President of Maryland Volkssport Association since 1988.

LYNN CLARK**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Houston, TX (Southwest)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Houston Happy Hikers Space City Trail Trotters
Selma Pathfinders West Texas Trailwalkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 300 Distance: 3,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Served as President and Vice President of Houston Happy Hikers. Created job descriptions. Overhauled accounting system. Increased member participation. Inaugurated bus program to events. Instituted "Paws 4 Walking" program. Served as Second Vice President of Texas Volkssport Association. Planned first TVA Biennial Convention. Promoted sport by speaking to service clubs and corporate groups, staffing information booths, writing media releases for radio, TV and press.

DAVID COPELAND**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Springfield, IL (Mid-America)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Railsplitter Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 150 Distance: 3,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Has helped many different clubs. Was instrumental in taking the Railsplitter Wanderers from a "floundering club" into a club which no longer operates in the "red" and whose membership roster is at an all-time high. Past President of the Illinois Volkssport Association. Helped establish the New Salem and Springfield YRE's and has coordinated multi-events at Siloam Springs State Park.

LEWIS ERNST**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Lebanon, PA (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Lebanon Baloney Stompers
York White Rose Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 900 Distance: 13,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Served as President of Lebanon Baloney Stompers and is current President of the Keystone State Volkssport Association. Assisted in the formation of all but one of the clubs in Pennsylvania. "His calm leadership, even determination, devotion to volkssporting and ability to get others involved has led to the substantial growth of volkssporting in the State." Over a decade of service to the AVA at the club, state and regional levels.

EMMA FOSDICK

1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Home Town/Region: Cheyenne, WY (Rocky Mountain)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers
Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites
Colorado Rocky Mountain Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 10 Distance: n/a

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

"Emma is the backbone of volkssporting in Wyoming." Secretary of the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers for many years and currently Treasurer. Founded the Cheyenne YRE. When the Wyoming Recreation Commission was threatened with the loss of volkssport support, successfully petitioned the Wyoming Financial Council to restore the funds.

BRIAN LEWIE

1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Home Town/Region: Columbus, OH (Mid-America)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

German Village Wandervolk

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 525 Distance: 6,500

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Helped form several clubs. Has been member of many clubs. Was President of the Buckeye Wander Freunde and a founding member of German Village Wandervolk. One of the founders of the Ohio Volkssport Association. Served as Northeast Regional Vice President from 1981 to 1985 and National Vice President from 1987 to 1991. Recipient of the 1989 IVV Honoring Award (Bronze Level) Merit Pin.

JACK MAJNI**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Centerville, OH (Mid-America)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Ohio Wander Freunde
Kettering Kilometer Climbers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 525 Distance: 6,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Has held several positions with numerous clubs. Managed Ohio Volkssport Association's IVV Record Book Program for nearly four years--distributed, retrieved and recorded books from 300+ events, generating \$50,000+ in income for the AVA. Served on the 1989 AVA Biennial Convention Committee. Works with Regional Director to review and approve all Mid-America event brochures.

DAVID MUZZY**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Westbrook, ME (Northeast)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Southern Maine Volkssport Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 225 Distance: 3,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

A dedicated and hard worker who has been "one of the most influential persons in the development of volkssporting in New England." Has helped in development of many volkssport clubs throughout the Region, providing dynamic leadership in all areas and accepting responsibility whenever needed. Is an important source of assistance, information and inspiration to clubs all over New England.

MARGARET NICHOLSON**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Salem, NC (Southeast)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Winston Wanderers Playground Volkssport Assn.
German American Wander Club Baloney Stompers
Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club
Falcon Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 200 Distance: 2,000

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Founding President of Winston Wanderers Volkssport Club. Has since served as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and on numerous committees. Responsible for creating the Lewis County Volkssport Club and Sandhills Strollers. "She has so much energy, is so full of life, and promotes volkssporting everywhere she travels."

MARY QUANDT**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Dover, NH (Northeast)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Seacoast Striders

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 250 Distance: 2,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

As Vice President and then President of Seacoast Striders, provided strong leadership, pushed for business sponsorship and involvement with State of New Hampshire walking activities, emphasized publicity, strengthened participation and provided a smooth transfer to the succeeding officers. Provided leadership, initiative and devotion which impacted volkssporters throughout the area.

INGRID ROCKETT**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Wyoming, DE (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Diamond State Trekkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 200 Distance: 2,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

"The heart and soul of Delaware volkssport from 1986-1989." Due to large military turnover, took over Dover AFB club even though not a member of the Dover community. Through strong leadership, endless enthusiasm, and creative venues, participation soared. Received Dover AFB Community Service Award. "When you mention volkssporting in Delaware, hers is the name that comes up."

G. CHARLES SAMUS**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Wichita Falls, TX (Southwest)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Buffalo Chip Kickers Volksmarch Club
Ohio Wander Freunde

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 750 Distance: 9,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

President of the Buffalo Chip Kickers. Served as Vice President of Texas Volkssport Association for two terms. Helped start the club in Muenster, Texas. Implemented the YRE in Wichita Falls. Leadership has resulted in club growth, increased involvement of members, more events. Lead club in supporting GLOBAL events and other community activities. Promotes volksmarching around the country in an "outstanding and friendly manner."

DEE SCHRUM**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Chesterfield, VA (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Lee Lepus Volksverband

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 200 Distance: 3,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

A Co-Founder of Lee Lepus Volksverband. Served as Secretary for three years. Has served as President since 1984. Has been involved in every aspect of conducting a walk. Planned and executed the first marathon volksmarch in the United States in May 1980. Has worked hard to further volkssporting. A willing speaker about volksmarching. Assisted in the formation of the Chester Kiwanis and the Hill Volksmarch Club.

DONNA SELINE**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Minneapolis, MN (North Central)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Twin Cities Volksmarchers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 250 Distance: 3,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Founded Minnesota State Volkssport Association and served as its first President. Major force in getting Minnesota State Parks involved in volkssporting. "Donna Seline has been the embodiment of volkssporting in Minnesota. Her cheerfulness on the trail has inspired many. Her willingness to volunteer for the 'hard jobs' is constantly appreciated. Her fresh ideas keep us all on our toes."

PAT STARK**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Wilder, VT (Northeast)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Twin State Volkssport Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 10 Distance: n/a

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

"The driving force behind the Twin State Volkssport Club." Since the club's inception, has traveled the state searching for sites for the covered bridge walks. Started first seasonal walk in White River Junction, Vermont, which also crosses into New Hampshire, allowing participants to walk in two states. "Make no doubt about it. Without Pat, there would be no events in Vermont."

JANICE WAHRER**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Garland, TX (Southwest)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Dallas Trekkers Rockwall Parks Dept. V.C.
Tarrant County Walkers Plano Plodders

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 379 Distance: 4,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Served as President of the Dallas Trekkers for two years. Volunteered to fill a very time-consuming office vacated by resignation and "has held things together." A "tireless worker" in four area clubs. "Anywhere she sees a need, she happily fills the void. Her cheerful, cooperative attitude complements a record of constant involvement and service. Through leadership and example, Jan is a great salesman for our sport."

KATHY WELLINGTON**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Spokane, WA (Northwest)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Lilac City Volkssport Association
Emerald City Wanderers
Evergreen State Volkssport Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 275 Distance: 2,500 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Currently serving second term as Evergreen State Volkssport Association President. "Kathy has such a positive attitude and is a great asset to volkssporting. There is never a time when you call that she does not act in the most professional manner. It does not matter how many times you may have called, she is always willing to help."

KENNETH WILSON**1991 MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

Home Town/Region: Bethesda, MD (Atlantic)

Volkssport Club Memberships:

Washington D.C. Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:

Events: 800 Distance: 20,000 km

Contributions Leading to 1991 Award:

Has served as Treasurer for his club since 1983 and been Maryland Volkssport Association Treasurer since 1985. A founder of the Maryland Volkssport Association. Assisted in organizing eight Maryland Clubs. Authored the AVA's "Handbook for Treasurers", which has assisted our leaders in establishing and maintaining financially solvent clubs. Has been "an integral part in the enhancement of volkssporting in the area since 1979."

1991 CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

RONALD ACKERMAN - Denver, CO (Rocky Mountain)
Recognized for service as a member of the Audit Committee

CHARLENE AGNE-TRAUB - Burke, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as AVA Historian and serving as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee and the National Headquarters Committee

CLINTON ANDERSON - Box Elder, SD (North Central)
Nominated for his promotion and support of volksmarching in the Black Hills, as well as abilities shared at the national level.
Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee.

WILLIAM BAILEY - Fitchburg, MA (Northeast)
Nominated for contributing to the success of the Fort Devens Wanderers events and making volkssporting at Fort Devens exciting and enjoyable.

THEODORE BALLMAN - Cincinnati, OH (Mid-America)
Recognized for service as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee

DORMAN BATSON - Federal Way, WA (Northwest)
Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee

JULIAN BAUER - Columbia, MD (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as National Treasurer on Executive Council VI and for membership on the Long-Range Planning Committee

GOLDIE BAWDEN - Knob Noster, MO (South Central)
Recognized for service as South Central Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Stamps, Books and Awards Committee

DOUGLAS BENZEL - Springfield, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

MARY LOU BENZEL - Springfield, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as Chairman of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

MARVIN BLEVINS - Overland Park, KS (South Central)
Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee and the National Headquarters Committee

THOMAS BOYD - Belleville, IL (Mid-America)
Recognized for service as National President on Executive Council VI

DUNCAN BRANTLEY - Morrow, GA (Southeast)
Recognized for service as Southeast Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee

JOHN BURCHFIELD - Cheyenne, WY (Rocky Mountain)
Recognized for service as former Rocky Mountain Regional Director on Executive Council VI

NELSON CAHILL - Fairfax, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

SANDY CAHILL - Fairfax, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

LAUREL CARLSON - Burke, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

PAUL CHASTEEN - Winston-Salem, NC (Southeast)
Recognized for service as a member of the Recognition Awards Committee

TERRY CHERNE - Colorado Springs, CO (Rocky Mountain)
Recognized for service as a member of the Audit Committee

CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION - Cincinnati, OH (Mid-America)
Nominated for sponsorship of the Zinzinnati Wanderers since 1981 during which time they have provided meeting space,

publication support, and logistical support for 54 events including start/finish areas, swimming pools, a golf course for a cross-country ski event, and even a boat to be used as a check point on the Ohio River. Also for providing invaluable help in coordinating events with other agencies in a large metropolitan area and for assisting the club in securing support from the Cincinnati Park Board and the Hamilton County Park District.

CARL CLARK - Colonial Heights, VA (Atlantic)

Nominated for serving the Lee Lepus Volksverband as President for three years, Secretary one year, and Auxiliary Sales Director five years. A strong supporter of volks-marching, speaking to groups, doing his part to advance the sport and developing walks. Always willing to work a club or VVA event. Can be counted upon to do his part.

SKIP COBURN - Alexandria, VA (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the Publicity Committee and for developing a video on the AVA.

WILLIAM CONKLIN - Mercer Island, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee

JAMES CONLON - Dover, NH (Northeast)

Nominated for being one of the founders of the Seacoast Striders, serving as its President, and providing dynamic leadership for the developing club. During his term, was responsible for three very successful walks (one of which had a peak participation of 869), a cross-country ski event, and a bike event and for creative cloisonne awards using the club's lobster theme.

DAFFODIL VALLEY VOLKSSPORT ASSN. - Puyallup, WA (Northwest)

Nominated for support of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association, including donations for a sign for the state office, for the IVV Presidium Meeting in Seattle, and for the Contingency Fund for Washington clubs needing financial help. Members provide volunteer support to the ESVA office, including an editor and typists for "The Pathfinder." Hosted the AVA President's Walk at Ranger Creek during the IVV Presidium Meeting.

BRUCE DANIEL - Laurel, VA (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

NANCY DANIEL - Laurel, VA (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

PATRICIA DAVIS - Hayes, VA (Atlantic)

Nominated for service as Treasurer/Awards/Sales Representative for the Colonial Freewheelers, a four-person club on a military base. For events, designs awards, prepares the start/stop area, sets up the sales tables, takes pictures for the club's event board and for walkers to take home. "She has kept this small club alive."

JIMMIE EISEN - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

EMERALD CITY WANDERERS - Seattle, WA (Northwest)

Nominated for service to volkssporting on the local, state and national levels. Noted for hosting quality events, often in conjunction with holidays, with music, atmosphere, food, friendliness and scenic, well-marked trails. Initiated the first New Years Eve/New Years Day Walks in the United States and the first series of Thursday Night Treks in the State of Washington. Has donated generously to the ESVA, the 1987 AVA Biennial Convention, the IVV Presidium Meeting and the AVA Building Fund. Purchased the outdoor sign for the AVA National Headquarters. Made contribution to support volkssporting in Hungary.

PHYLLIS ERNST - Galloway, OH (Mid-America)

Recognized for service as a member of the Tours Committee

EVERGREEN STATE VOLKSSPORT ASSN. - Federal Way, WA (Northwest)

Nominated for promotion and development of volkssporting in the Northwest. Clubs host over 100 events annually, with over 100,000 participants. Leader in trying "new" ideas: publishing a single event brochure listing all events within the state; funding the first state office and state employee in the AVA; establishing a statewide club to provide assistance to new and smaller clubs; developing the first Round

and Long-Distance Walk in the nation; being the first organization to issue an invitation for an AVA Biennial Convention; hosting the first IVV Presidium Meeting held outside of Europe; and working with corporate sponsors, wellness programs, and park and recreation departments. The ESVA is "a story of people working together, helping each other, and reaching out to achieve a common goal--that of introducing volkssporting to the uninitiated citizens of the state as an exciting, enjoyable, and healthy way of life."

RAYMOND FARINA - Colonia, NJ (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the Recognition Awards Committee

MARSHA FOSTER - Dover, NH (Northeast)

Nominated for service as a founder of the Seacoast Striders and as its first President. Had initial responsibility for the club as it struggled to make its way into existence. Two events held during her Presidency, club newsletter was initiated, and publicity and events resulted in very significant membership in the club. Helped establish the Seacoast Striders as a "quality club with quality events." "One of the hardest workers at all of our events."

LESTER FRANTZEN - Fredericksburg, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the National Headquarters Committee

PHILIP FREEMAN - Olympia, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

ROBERT GEBO - Moreno Valley, CA (Pacific)

Nominated for significant service to the enhancement of volkssporting. Served as President of the Low Desert Roadrunners for six years during which membership increased steadily. Publicized volkssporting throughout Southern California. Has trained many people as trailmasters and event supporters. Served two consecutive terms as Southern California Vice President. Founding supporter of a unique tri-state event in Laughlin, Nevada, which has become an annual event. "Through enthusiasm, participation, encouragement, and hard work, Bob Gebo has helped

develop an active unit with the largest single club membership in Southern California."

SUSAN GERHART - Indianapolis, IN (Mid-America)

Recognized for service as a member of the Safety Committee

DALE GOBLE - Stayton, OR (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee

EDWARD GOLDEN - Everett, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee

BETTY GREEN - USAF Academy, CO (Rocky Mountain)

Recognized for service as a member of the National Headquarters Committee

RONALD GREEN - USAF Academy, CO (Rocky Mountain)

Recognized for service as Rocky Mountain Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Audit Committee, the National Headquarters Committee and the Standards and Evaluations Committee

JOYCE GRUBER - Enon, OH (Mid-America)

Nominated for service as Treasurer of the Ohio Wander Freunde for six years, as Treasurer of the 1989 AVA Biennial Convention and as Vice President of the Purple Penguins. General consultant to the OWF Board of Directors. Has performed many tasks and been responsible for many improvements throughout Ohio. Responsible for establishment of \$1,000 scholarship at Wright State University. Has volunteered to help clubs all over Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky and has never turned down a request for assistance.

HEART OF AMERICA VOLKSSPORT CLUB - Shawnee, KS (Mid-America)

Nominated for the effort they put forth in presenting an unsuccessful attempt to have the 1991 AVA Biennial Convention in Lenexa, Kansas, and for their continuing effort to have the AVA National Office located in Lenexa.

GEORGE HENDERSON - Huber Heights, OH (Mid-America)
Recognized for service as a member of the Short-Range Planning Committee

ANGIE HERMER - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)
Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

WILLIAM HERRING - Lebanon, IL (Mid-America)
Recognized for service as Chairman of the Nominating Committee

ELEANOR HOLMOK - Desert Hot Springs, CA (Pacific)
Recognized for service as a member of the Safety Committee

ELAINE HOLOBAUGH - Galloway, OH (Mid-America)
Recognized for service as Mid-America Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Tours Committee

NATALIE HOLT - Seabeck, WA (Northwest)
Nominated for service to volkssporting in the State of Washington. Helped revive Die Bremerton Stadtmusikanten and served as Co-President with her husband Dick. Managed ESVA Sales, which grosses over \$25,000 annually and supports the ESVA Office. Maintained the sales inventory and travelled throughout the state to sell goods at volkssport events. "Natalie has been a gracious spokesperson for volkssporting and has really improved our sport's image by being friendly, informative, helpful and hardworking!"
Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee

RICHARD HOLT - Seabeck, WA (Northwest)
Nominated for service to volkssporting in the State of Washington. Helped revive Die Bremerton Stadtmusikanten and served as Co-President with his wife Natalie. Assisted his wife with ESVA Sales, travelling all over the state to sell goods at volkssport events.

ROBERT HREN - Tacoma, WA (Northwest)
Recognized for service as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

WILLIAM JENKINS - South Hamilton, MA (Northeast)
Recognized for service as Northeast Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Recognition Awards Committee

ELIZABETH JOHNSON - Federal Way, WA (Northwest)
Recognized for service as National Secretary on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Editorial Advisory Committee

PRESTON JOHNSON - Federal Way, WA (Northwest)
Recognized for service as Northwest Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee

LUCILLE JORDEN - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)
Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

NANCY KANGAS - Gardner, MA (Northeast)
Nominated for being "the chief force behind the Yankee Strollers and in bringing and keeping volkssport events alive and well in the Northeast Region." Nancy "would have been a great sea captain or, as they say in New England, 'She is a good old salt.'"

SAM KORFF- Citrus Heights, CA (Pacific)
Nominated for service to volkssporting in the State of California. Helped found the Sacramento Walking Sticks and has served as its President and Vice President. Served as Northern Vice President for the California Volkssport Association and Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Founded the Five Plus Volkssport Club and has been President for four years. Editor/Publisher/Distributor of the "Compass," a quarterly publication which includes news and locations for events in California.

RICHARD KUNAU - Apopka, FL (Southeast)
Nominated for service to the American Volkssport Association. Designed, built, and set up a booth to promote the AVA at the 1990 AARP Convention in Florida, affording the AVA an outstanding exposure to approximately 30,000 attendees.

KATHRYN LACKEY - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)
Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

WILLIAM LACKEY - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as Southwest Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Short-Range Planning Committee and serving as a member of the National Headquarters Committee

THOMAS LASTOSKIE - Dayton, OH (Mid-America)

Recognized for service as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee

LEVER BROTHERS - New York, NY (Northeast)

Nominated for providing material and financial assistance to volkssporting events around the country.

BRIAN LEWIE - Columbus, OH (Mid-America)

Recognized for service as National Vice President on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Publicity Committee

HARRY LONG - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the National Headquarters Committee

FRED LOPEZ - Burke, VA (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

SHIRLEY LUTHER - Brookings, SD (North Central)

Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee

SANDRA LYNCH - Laurel, MD (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

ROBERT MARSTON - APO, NY (Europe)

Recognized for service as AVA Liaison to the IVV

DENNIS MASHUGA - Mendota Heights, MN (North Central)

Nominated for service to the Twin Cities Volksmarchers. Led the club from near demise to being the most active and profitable club in Minnesota. Under his leadership, the club hosted a NVW Walk and a walk in conjunction with the Hennepin Parks Club. Responsible for two YRE's in

Minneapolis and several GNW's. "The cost of Dennis' involvement in volkssport management has been his personal loss at opportunities to participate in events. We might wish that all club presidents would have his devotion."

ELLEN MATHIEU - Dover, NH (Northeast)

Nominated for service to the Seacoast Striders. Was a founder and has served as Secretary and President. While President, placed the club in a good financial position, enlarged its membership, and kept the club on course with quality events. Initiated the club's first self-guided walk, conducted a winter walk, and handled two other walks, including one which received support from a business.

MABEL MATSUMOTO - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

JAMES MILLER - Burke, VA (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

MINNESOTA STATE PARKS VOLKSSPORT CLUB - St. Paul, MN (North Central)

Nominated for enthusiastically promoting volkssporting throughout the State of Minnesota, involving many volkssporters in other state parks programs and introducing many state parks visitors to volkssporting. Hosted 19 walks in 1989 and six volksski events, 13 seasonal walks, and 14 weekend walks in 1990. "Their events have reached into every corner of the state and brought hundreds of people into these wonderful natural environments. This is a wonderful symbiotic relationship which we hope to nurture."

PATTI MORTIMER - Federal Way, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee

JACKIE MOSELY - Brookeville, MD (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as Atlantic Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Biennial Convention Committee

PAUL MULLEN - Indianapolis, IN (Mid-America)
Recognized for service as a member of the Nominating Committee

EVELYN NEWTON - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)
Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

MICHAEL OBER - Colorado Springs, CO (Rocky Mountain)
Recognized for service as a member of the Computer Committee

CARY ODELL - San Jose, CA (Pacific)
Recognized for service as a member of the Computer Committee and the Recognition Awards Committee

THOMAS OGLES - Burke, VA (Atlantic)
Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee

OREGON TRAIL STATE VOLKSSPORT ASSN. - Newberg, OR (Northwest)

Nominated for their financial, material, and physical contributions to the IVV Presidium Meeting in Seattle and to the September 1990 AVA Executive Council Meeting in Portland; for the publication of "The Oregon Trails;" and for acting as a "guardian angel" for volkssporting in Poland.

DONALD and JUDY ORVIS - Otis Orchards, WA (Northwest)
Nominated for going above the call of duty regarding volkssporting in the Spokane area. "Most every weekend is either spent at an event, staking out a trail, or helping another club with their event. Their dedication and time commitment to volkssporting deserves recognition."

PANAMA CITY VOLKSMARCHERS - Panama City, FL (Southeast)

Nominated for their substantial contribution to the promotion of volkssporting in the Florida Panhandle and for significantly assisting in the formation of the Tallahassee Volkssport Club through material and morale efforts.

PATRICK PACERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB - Patrick AFB, FL (Southeast)

Nominated for their substantial contributions to the revitalization of volkssports in Central Florida and for significantly assisting in the formation of the Mid-Florida Milers through financial, material and morale efforts.

DOYLE PILAND - Las Cruces, NM (Southwest)

Recognized for service as member of the Computer Committee

PLAYGROUND VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION - Ft. Walton, FL (Southeast)

Nominated for making substantial contributions to the promotion of volkssporting in the Florida Panhandle and for being a recognized leader in conducting excellent volkssporting events over a sustained duration.

LOUIS PLOTKIN - Fairborn, OH (Mid-America)

Recognized for service as a member of the Tours Committee

MIMI POLLOW - Burke, VA (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

WILLIAM POOK - Milton, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee

ROGER PROBERT-BAKER - Bellevue, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee

PATTY PROULX - Jaffrey, NH (Northeast)

Nominated for founding the Granite State Trail Walkers, which have put on two successful volksmarches adding many new participants to the southeast area of New Hampshire.

MARK RATEKIN - Topeka, KS (Mid-America)

Recognized for service on the National Headquarters Committee and the Stamps, Books and Awards Committee

LYNNETTE REAGAN - Baltimore, MD (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

JOHN REAGAN - Baltimore, MD (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee and the National Headquarters Committee

RICHARD REINKE - Forest Grove, OR (Northwest)

Nominated for starting the Webfoot Walkers, the first volksclub in the State of Oregon.

BARRY SARTORI - Peoria, AZ (Pacific)

Recognized for service as a member of the Safety Committee

SAS SHOEMAKERS - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Nominated for providing financial and material contributions for the first National Volkssport Weekend, for printing and donating the cards for the Free Stamp Card Program, and for providing financial assistance to events around the nation.

FRANK SAYERS - Aurora, CO (Rocky Mountain)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

SEACOAST STRIDERS - Portsmouth, NH (Northeast)

Nominated for service to volkssporting in New England. Noted throughout the New England area for the quality of their awards and willingness to spend money to ensure that quality. Have contributed many suggestions for improvements in the operation of the AVA. Have co-sponsored events in other parts of New Hampshire which should lead to the formation of new clubs and have worked at events in other parts of New England.

DONNA SELINE - Minneapolis, MN (North Central)

Recognized for service as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee

VAS SERPIKOV - Trenton, NJ (Atlantic)

Recognized for service as a member of the 1991 Biennial Convention Committee

WILLIS SEXTON - Seaside, CA (Pacific)

Nominated for service to the Monterey Peninsula Wanderfreunde, having volunteered for nearly every position at

over 50 events sponsored by the club since 1984. "Has always shown great enthusiasm, telling others about volksmarching, bringing them to other clubs' events, introducing them, getting them active."

SOUTHERN MAINE VOLKSSPORT ASSN. - Westbrook, ME (Northeast)

Nominated for being a major force in New England for over six years. Membership and participation at its events are among the largest in the nation. Put on the first volksmarches in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Conducted first YRE in the Northeast Region. Responsible for the development of a number of AVA clubs and for publicity which has generated interest in volkssporting in the surrounding states as well as in Maine. Provided leadership and funds to form the Pine Tree State Volkssport Association, the state organization for Maine.

GARRY SPEIR - Comfort, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Short-Range Planning Committee

GUS SPRADLING - Universal City, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

JAY SPRADLING - Universal City, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

LEWIS SPURLOCK - Cincinnati, OH (Mid-America)

Nominated for service to volkssporting in the State of Ohio. Has served as First Vice President of the Zinzinnati Wanderers since it was founded in 1981. Has spent countless hours coordinating support for volkssporting with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. His professional contacts in the recreation field have been invaluable. Coordinated presentations before the 1983 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Spring Conference and the 1985 National Convention of the American Association for Recreation and Dance, which included a volksmarch.

KIRSTEN STRAIGHT - Pullman, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee

PHYLLIS STUART - Canby, OR (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Recognition Awards Committee and the Nominating Committee

SUNCOAST SANDPIPERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB - Largo, FL (Southeast)

Nominated for making substantial contributions to the revitalization of volkssports in Central Florida. Significantly assisted with the formation of the Mid-Florida Milers through financial, material and morale efforts.

MYRA TAMS - Ogden, UT (Rocky Mountain)

Recognized for service as a member of the Nominating Committee

DAVID TOTH - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the National Headquarters Committee

SYLVIA ULETT - Kent, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Recognition Awards Committee

ANTHONY VITALE - Baton Rouge, LA (South Central)

Recognized for service as a member of the Nominating Committee

VOLKSSPORT CLUB OF WEST POINT - West Point, NY (Northeast)

Nominated for starting the first YRE in the Northeast Region and putting on events outside its home location.

ELSIE VOYLES - Manchester, MO (South Central)

Nominated for service to the Die Ballwin Wanderfreunde. Served as an officer for at least five years. Has promoted, supported, and supervised the club's YRE single-handedly. Attends MOVA meetings and other official gatherings on her own initiative and at her own expense. Is the first to arrive and the last to leave every club meeting and event.

WALK 'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB - Bedford, MA (Northeast)

Nominated for being the leading operational club in the Northeast Region. For many years, acted in place of a state

organization. Hosted events in over 12 cities and towns in Massachusetts. Started third seasonal event in the Region. Officers have become organizers of new clubs in the state and officials of the state association, and one has become an AVA Regional Director.

SHIRLEY WARD - Leavenworth, WA (Northwest)

Nominated for service to the Bavarian Volkssport Association. Charter member of the club and the only original member still active. Has served as Vice President and Treasurer and has been active in fund-raising. Assisted with the first walk in Leavenworth in 1983, which was sponsored in conjunction with the German Tricentennial, and has continued to take an active role in putting on events. "Shirley's enthusiasm and hard work are largely responsible for the 'steadfastness' of our group and the growth of the club from a small group of mostly business people interested in promoting the economic growth of Leavenworth to a group of over 30 people."

MARY JANE WENDT - Rapid City, SD (North Central)

Recognized for service as North Central Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Merchandise Advisory Committee

WILLIAM WENISCH - San Antonio, TX (Southwest)

Recognized for service as a National Office Volunteer

BENJAMIN WILKES - Clearlake, CA (Pacific)

Recognized for service as a member of the National Headquarters Committee and the Special Events and Programs Committee

BERTA WILKES - Clearlake, CA (Pacific)

Recognized for service as Pacific Regional Director on Executive Council VI and for serving as Chairman of the Safety Committee and the Special Events and Programs Committee

ROY YOTHERS - Renton, WA (Northwest)

Recognized for service as a member of the Merchandise Advisory Committee