

# **American Volkssport Association**

**Recognition Awards  
1999**



**AVA 11th Biennial Convention  
Muncie, Indiana**

## **The AVA Recognition Award Program**

The AVA Recognition Award Program was established in 1985 to honor individuals, clubs and organizations within and outside the AVA, for service, deeds and accomplishments which have advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting in the United States.

### **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 Region.

### **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, club 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 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 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 Executive Council X for the very difficult task of reviewing, carefully considering and voting on each of the committee's recommendations.

Congratulations to each recipient of a 1999 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.

## **William F. Byrd**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Vancouver, WA

**Citation:** For exemplary service to the AVA and for promoting volkssporting worldwide through the Vancouver Discovery Walk Festival. Bill's efforts have made this a high-quality event which continues to grow each year. Through his dedication and work, it received sanctioning by the International Marching League in its first year.

His work in obtaining sponsors for the event is unparalleled in volkssporting.

## **Anna Cottrill**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Southwest

**Hometown:** Fort Worth, TX

**Citation:** Anna exemplifies the ultimate spirit of the fellowship of volkssports. Through many generous acts of volunteerism and unflagging enthusiasm, she has enriched each club of which she has been a member. She has contributed long hours of work to improve many of the administrative processes within the Tarrant County Walkers. She has developed many quality walks for fellow volksmarchers. Through sales of specialty items at every walk of the Tarrant County Walkers, she has promoted local, state and national volkssporting. Anna has expended tremendous effort to create and maintain open channels of communication among local clubs and state and national organizations. She is never too busy to share her love, her knowledge and her experiences and to nurture new participants in volksmarching.

## **Buzz Donnenwirth**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** North Central

**Hometown:** Rapid City, SD

**Citation:** Buzz distinguished himself while serving as North Central Regional Director and President of the Black Hills Volkssport Association. He established Capitol walks in all six Capitols in his region. He started or reactivated 16 clubs during his tenure as Regional Director. Through his foresight, the non-IVV participant category was established thus increasing the financial support to the AVA. He promoted special contributions to the AVA including funding to purchase the conference table and chairs.

## **Carol Donnenwirth**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** North Central

**Hometown:** Rapid City, SD

**Citation:** Carol distinguished herself while serving as President of the Black Hills Volkssport Association. During her tenure, this club gained national and international fame as the sponsor of the annual Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch. Through her ingenuity, planning skills and perseverance, this event became the largest volksmarch in the United States. She spoke and presented programs to many clubs, edited and published the Black Hills Volkssport Newsletter and has had numerous articles published promoting volkssporting.

## **Steven Duex, Sr**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** Westminister, MD

**Citation:** For the vision to propose a 300km trail for the enjoyment of hundreds of walkers. For the dedication to lead 16 events that made that vision a reality. For the creation of a partnership between Maryland clubs and the National Park Service to restore historic structures along the C&O Canal.

## **Lewis Ernst**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** Lebanon, PA

**Citation:** During the last seventeen years, Lew has held every leadership office in the Baloney Stompers, co-founded the Keystone State Volkssport Association (KSVA) and served as its president and treasurer for the first four years. During the early years of the KSVA, Lew often reached into his own pocket to make sure the KSVA was able to meet its financial obligations. As president, Lew encouraged existing clubs to venture out of their traditional areas and explore new areas which resulted in the formation of new clubs in Pennsylvania.

## **Robert D. Gebo**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Pacific

**Hometown:** Moreno Valley, CA

**Citation:** In recognition of Bob's many years of dedicated service in his many roles of promoting and supporting volkssporting in California. Bob has been a fierce advocate for volkssporting in southern California. During his term in office as President of the Low Desert Roadrunners, he grew the club to over 200 active memers, the largest in southern California.

## **William H. Gruber**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Mid-America

**Hometown:**Enon, OH

**Citation:** Currently serves as Treasurer of the Purple Penguins and President of Ohio Wander Freunde. Co-founder of Ohio Wander Freunde Annual Volkssporting Scholarship presented to Wright State University in Fairborn, OH. Recipient of Ohio Wander Freunde Veteran Volunteer Award for eight years of service. Chairperson of the 1997 AVA Nominating Committee. Strong supporter of volkssporting for the physically challenged. An outspoken leader and a good ambassador for volkssporting at the local and national level. An active member in each of the clubs he belongs to. Promotes volkssporting to the local community.

## **Billy G. Herring**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** Pikeville, NC

**Citation:** For the past 18 years, Billy has performed truly outstanding service to the AVA at the local, state and national level and has made many significant contributions deserving of the highest recognition. From his introduction to volkssporting in 1981 he has been an active leader in the volkssporting movement. He has served as Chairman of the AVA Biennial Convention twice; in various leadership positions with many clubs and been instrumental in founding two new clubs. He has been Chairman of the Awards Recognition Committee and the Winston-Salem IML Event. In addition, Billy has served on many club committees, as project officer for events hosted by the Illinois Trekkers and the Lebanon Cedar Cruisers, made numerous volkssport presentations to community and social clubs and participated in community events like Seniorama and Belleville Progress.

## **Pat Lucero**

### ***1999 Distinguished Achievement Award***

**Region:** Pacific

**Hometown:** Newcastle CA

**Citation:** In recognition of Pat's dedicated service to the California Volkssport Association as President and co-editor of the state newsletter. In addition, Pat was instrumental in the founding of the Placer Pacers and has held various offices within that club and the Sacramento Walking Sticks. She has also been on the Credentialing Committee for the past three Conventions and been a member of the Publicity Committee.

## **John Ference**

### ***1999 Meritorious Service Award***

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** Columbia, MD

**Citation:** Unsung hero behind the scenes making events happen, raising the art of brochure design to a new standard for two Maryland clubs and the State Association. Thousands of hours of work went into research and proofing brochures. There are dozens of brochures that were designed and created using the template that Jack designed for clubs in Maryland.

## **William Guion**

### ***1999 Meritorious Service Award***

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** Laurel, MD

**Citation:** In recognition of William's leadership and dedication to volkssporting since 1991. He provides leadership as vice-president of the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers and by his service on numerous committees including being the Chair of the Atlantic Region Director's Nominating Committee. Mr. Guion has prepared all of the club's event brochures since 1994 and also maintains a club homepage on the Web that includes a constantly up-to-date list of events in the Atlantic Region.



## **Richard Long**

### *1999 Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** Laurel, MD

**Citation:** In recognition of long years of outstanding service to volkssporting in Maryland. He has been the contributing editor of the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers' monthly newsletter since 1993 and also the club's Treasurer since June, 1996. Mr. Long has devoted long hours every month to the goal of keeping others aware of what's happening in volkssports while making the newsletter one of the better ones in the Atlantic Region. He is the kind of volunteer that volkssporting depends on to stay healthy and expand.

## **Pat Mead**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** Roanoke, VA

**Citation:** Pat is currently serving a second term as secretary for the Virginia Volkssport Association. Even though she lives well away from the vast majority of volksmarches in Virginia, she continues to be an active walker and supports Virginia clubs. She can always be counted on to work at events and has served as administrator of several Year Rounds.

## **Joseph Strausbaugh**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Atlantic

**Hometown:** York, PA

**Citation:** In recognition of his efforts in nurturing and supporting the growth of the York White Rose Wanderers and for administrative assistance to the Keystone State Volksmarch Association. Joseph has provided ongoing efforts to recruit young people into this healthful sport.

**Linda Blanton**

*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Mid-America

**Hometown:** Xenia, OH

**Citation:** Linda has served as as Vice-President and President of the Xenia Peg Legs and as the Editor of the Ohio Volkssport Association Journal from 1996 to the present. Instrumental in increasing the number of Year Round Events sponsored by the Xenia Peg Legs.

**Thomas O. Boyd**

*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Mid-America

**Hometown:** Belleville, IL

**Citation:** Since his election in 1980 as the first President of the first club in Illinois, Tom has continued to be an enthusiastic and highly capable leader in the Illinois Trekkers and at the state and national level. Through his creativity and energy, he has revitalized interest in volkssporting in the local area.

**Russ Brown**

*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Mid-America

**Hometown:** Columbus, OH

**Citation:** Has continually served as an officer in three different clubs since 1993 to the present. Coordinates with local communities and local authorities to get all the paperwork done for events and serves as trailmaster; laying out and marking trails, etc.

**Billie Ed Harris**

*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Mid-America

**Hometown:** Louisville, KY

**Citation:** Has served as Treasurer of the Derby City Walkers since the club was founded in 1991 and works most club events.

**Marianne Marshall**  
*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northeast

**Hometown:** Waltham, MA

**Citation:** Marianne is a co-founder of Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club and co-chaired the first walk on November 2, 1985 in Concord, MA. She has held a variety of club positions including three years as Treasurer and five years as Volunteer Awards Chairperson--keeping track of member's volunteer hours for the club's annual recognition of our volunteers.

**Richard Rossi**  
*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northeast

**Hometown:** Topsfield, MA

**Citation:** Richard provides volunteer service to four clubs in eastern New England. He has also served as vice president of the largest club in the Northeast Region. Due to his efforts in organizing the Tri-State Yankee Weekend, the event had over 750 participants; the largest for any Northeast Region event in 1997.

**Charles Smith**  
*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northeast

**Hometown:** Acton, MA

**Citation:** Charlie has volunteered in numerous capacities in Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club including Vice President, Secretary and Trail Master. In addition, he has laid out, marked and taken down trails. He has made significant contributions as the club's web site designer/webmaster.

## **Dorman Batson**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Federal Way, WA

**Citation:** For many years of significant service to the Sea-Tac Volkssport Club as president, committee member, trailmaster, event coordinator, award designer and volunteer that have advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting in Washington and nationally. Has been active at the club, state, national and international level since 1983. Serves as chair of the 2001 AVA Convention Committee.

## **Earl Bown**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** LaCenter, WA

**Citation:** In recognition of assistance with the 1997 IML Discovery Walks inaugural year, unwavering belief in volkssporting, sound trail and event advice and the many other contributions to the success of All Weather Walkers and volkssporting in general.

## **Richard Cable**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Sequim, WA

**Citation:** Richard has diligently supported the Olympic Peninsula Explorers. His resoluteness of purpose, coupled with his integrity, make him an invaluable asset. He readily accepts responsibilities and exemplifies the true spirit of cooperation. His superior abilities were evident when he served as President and Treasurer for over three and a half years.

**Glenda Chambers**  
*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Kent, WA

**Citation:** For many years of willing and significant service to all of the clubs of the state of Washington as state officer, club president, officer, committee member, event coordinator and willing volunteer that have advanced the ideals of the IVV, AVA and the ESVA.

**Dorothy and Dick Kobernick**  
*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Surprise, AZ

**Citation:** Dorothy and Dick Kobernik's strong commitment to volkssporting helped to establish the Olympic Peninsula Explorers. Their enthusiastic approach to the endless details was critical during the initial sanction period and Dorothy was elected as the first president. They have earned the deep and abiding respect plus the admiration of each member of the club. During the past nine years, their inspiration provided the enthusiasm required for our success and continued growth.

**Jack Odgaard**  
*Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Portland, OR

**Citation:** With intense dedication and efficiency, Jack identified, designed and refined five separate but related walks for the Discovery Walks in Vancouver, WA. These walks totaled 110km for the first International Marching League events on the West Coast. The walks were scenic, safe and won praises from the IML officials. These walks were a major factor in getting acceptance and approval by the IML officials and will continue to be used for future events. He further assisted by preparing the written instructions and administering the walks for two years and has committed to run the walks for 1999. Jack is a dedicated volkssporter who has served as State Officer, Club Officer, Convention PR reporter, TAW reporter and photographer, established the Walk Oregon Program and assisted many clubs in their projects.

## **Nancy Vartanian**

### ***Meritorious Service Award***

**Region:** Northwest

**Hometown:** Ridgefield, WA

**Citation:** For outstanding service as the 1997 Southeast Region March for Parks coordinator. As a result of her efforts several March for Parks events were held that would not otherwise have been.

## **Allan Clark**

### ***Meritorious Service Award***

**Region:** Pacific

**Hometown:** La Costa, CA

**Citation:** Allan Clark has given many years of dedicated service to volkssporting in California. He is an avid volkssport advocate. He has appeared before various clubs and civic organizations around Southern California to tell the AVA story. He is a willing worker and has planned and initiated several Year Round Events for several AVA clubs.

## **Linda Detling**

### ***Meritorious Service Award***

**Region:** Pacific

**Hometown:** Chico, CA

**Citation:** In recognition of Linda's many years of dedicated service to volkssporting in California as President of Ye Olde Chico Walking Club, 1988 to the present. Served on CVA Nominating Committee in 1994.

## **Dick Lucero**

### ***Meritorious Service Award***

**Region:** Pacific

**Hometown:** Newcastle, CA

**Citation:** In recognition of Dick's dedicated service to the Placer Pacers and to the California Volkssport Association as Editor of the state newsletter.

## **Dottie Baars**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Rocky Mountain

**Hometown:** Edgewater, CO

**Citation:** In recognition of outstanding service above and beyond the office of president by handling the work of editor of the newsletter. She is also at every regular walking event from setup to closing and numerous other activities. Her selfless devotion and positive attitude are an inspiration and are gratefully appreciated.

## **Gaylord Fosdick**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Rocky Mountain

**Hometown:** Cheyenne, WY

**Citation:** Gaylord has served as event chairman for several events as well as organizing the first bike in the Rocky Mountain Region. He has designed medals and awards and worked at many events. Gaylord is the transportation of club property to and from events. At the present time, he is club treasurer and has held that position for three years.

## **Carolyn Lai**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Rocky Mountain

**Hometown:** Magna, UT

**Citation:** In recognition of efforts to promote the sport of volksmarching in Utah. Carolyn has increased the visibility of the sport by working with the Utah Travel Council and developing a web page for the Footloose Volkssport Club and publishing a club newsletter. She has arranged volksmarch bus trips that have enabled club members and community members to travel to other parts of the country to enjoy the sport.

## **Judith Galas**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** South Central

**Hometown:** Lawrence, KS

**Citation:** Instrumental in the development of a book on volksmarching a number of years ago, called "Walking America." Most recent achievement was the development of an arrangement with the publisher, Falcon Publishing Company, whereby their various books on walking in different areas of the United States would all have specific information and publicity on the American Volkssport Association as well as being endorsed by the AVA.

## **Ronald C. Barnett**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** Merritt Island, FL

**Citation:** Ronald has made outstanding, meaningful and exemplary contributions to volkssporting at the local club level, to volkssporting in Florida and to volkssporting in the United States with his leadership, creativity, energy and generous support of volkssporting and the volkssporting philosophy of "Fun, Fellowship and Fitness."

## **Carolyn Booth**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** Largo, FL

**Citation:** Carolyn's accomplishments as Secretary of the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club were crucial to the club's earning AVA Star Awards for three consecutive years. As Florida Volkssport Association Secretary and year round event monitor, she played vital roles in that organization's smooth and financially sound operations.



## **Elaine Brayton**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** Port Orange, FL

**Citation:** For outstanding service to the Happy Wanderers and the Florida Volkssport Association. Elaine is the “driving force” in seeing to it that the club is known locally, throughout the US, Canada and Europe. Her “full time” devotion and dedication to the club and the sport in general has been rewarded over and over throughout the years. Two top 10 YREs this year, Gold Star Club Award, 200+ members 23 YREs (in FL and GA), etc.

## **Alice Lawrence**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** Indian Shores, FL

**Citation:** Alice’s accomplishments as the Florida Volkssport Association Secretary and currently its Central Area Coordinator have had significant impact on the success of that organization. As the three term Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club President, her efforts were crucial to the club’s earning AVA Star Awards for three consecutive years.

## **Pat Morgan**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** Faith, NC

**Citation:** For continued and unselfish support to grass roots community and club participation, we recognize your devotion to the American Volkssport Association and for sustained involvement in promoting Volkssporting throughout the United States. Your Meritorious Service is noteworthy for your duties as club officer and event coordinator. Your spirit to go the “extra mile” to make volkssporting memorable is recognized by all you have touched in your decade of service to the ideals of volkssporting.

## **Marvin Stokes**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southeast

**Hometown:** South Daytona, FL

**Citation:** Nominated as Trailmaster, Member-at-Large, and travel agent for many trips. Marvin maintains several year round events and lays out at least 25 new trails each year.

## **Carolyn Ernst**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southwest

**Hometown:** Grapevine, TX

**Citation:** For outstanding contributions to the Tarrant County Walkers and to volkssporting as editor and publisher of the bi-monthly newsletter, Footsteps, for over eight years. Carolyn's demonstrated creativity in writing articles, has publicized volkssporting throughout north Texas. Her spirit of volunteerism and her many years of service have contributed to enhance her club, the Texas Volkssport Association and the AVA.

## **Elaine P. Samus**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southwest

**Hometown:** Wichita Falls, TX

**Citation:** In recognition of Elaine's support of volkssporting through her service as Convention Chair for the 1995 AVA Biennial Convention as well as the many state and club offices she has held in both Oregon and Texas.

## **G. Charles Samus**

### *Meritorious Service Award*

**Region:** Southwest

**Hometown:** Wichita Falls, TX

**Citation:** In recognition of many years of service as a charter member and president of the Buffalo Chip Kickers, as vice-president and current president of the Texas Volkssport Association and of his continuing support of the AVA.

# Certificate of Service Awards

## Atlantic Region

George Bankey  
Jean Bankey  
William Brabant  
Robert Caldwell  
Fran Chiariello  
Vic Chiariello  
David Coco  
Donald Conway  
Joyce Conway  
Evalee Dumas  
Lynne Haffner  
Shellie Haffner  
Jim Heath  
Mary Heath  
Ann Hensler  
Deborah C. Jacobs

Dolores Jeffers  
Henry Jeffers  
JoAnne Kovach  
Jack Lawrence  
Al Linthicum  
Joyce Linthicum  
Robert Lumbert  
Dennis Lynch  
Sandra Lynch  
Lisa Reliford  
Paul Sabol  
Nancy Sponugle  
Ronald Sponule  
Inez Thomas  
Sandy Thomas  
Dolores Tippet  
Robert Wright

## Mid-America Region

Mike Balogh  
Betty Boyd  
Carol Clark  
Bill Malina

Patricia O'Connor  
Richard Parle  
Shirley Renner  
Leonard Wojtysiak

## Northeast Region

Joan Chandler  
Herman Day  
Valerie Day  
Linda Eberspacher  
Joan Frost  
Larry Frost  
William Jenkins  
Chuck Lipson  
Chris Lipson

Chris Mellen  
Alan Moulton  
Clara Petrosky  
Patty Proulx  
Joan Rossi  
Daniel Stockdale  
Charlotte Temple  
Dale Vargo

## Northwest Region

Marjorie Bickford  
Jan Breneman  
Bob Bruce  
Sharon Bruce  
Donna Byes  
Anne Byrd  
Chuck Claybaugh  
Mary-Elise Diedrich  
Ray Diedrich  
Edla Dippman  
Al Drackert  
Grant Flagan  
Iona Flagan  
Colleen Gilligan  
Maryellen Hanson  
Phillip Hanson

Conde Holt  
Tony Holt  
Alisa Johnson  
Dina Johnson  
Ruth Kalies  
Harriette Kring  
Victor Kring  
Connie Line  
Steve Line  
Dave Madsen  
Myrna Roberts  
Cleo Scribner  
Nancy Triebel  
Pauline Vincent  
Boyd Wilton  
Evelyn Wilton

## Pacific Region

Barbara Currie  
Grace Holloway  
Wayne Holloway  
Jim Plummer

Peggy Plummer  
Lillian Webber  
Cathy Williams

## Rocky Mountain Region

Fay Adams  
John Baird  
Keith Bawdon  
Cheryl Bratton  
Duane Chavez  
Curt Converse  
Carol Cross  
Dick Dickerson  
Sue Dickerson  
Agota Frohs  
Colleen Gottlob  
Sinne Gregory

Albert Moser  
Linda Moser  
Betty Mullett  
Linda Nyman  
Arlene Ogasawara  
Rosa Shaul  
Shilo Inn, Salt Lake City  
Shirley Stokes  
Travelodge Ogden  
University Inn Boulder  
Village Inn Lovelad

## South Central Region

David Lanahan  
Andy Lucas

Bobbi Pommer  
Cindy West

## Southeast Region

Sam Ankney  
Frank Archey  
Marilyn Archey  
Richard Armitage  
Henry Arnett (Posthumously)  
Joe E. Aycock  
Maria Barnett  
Warren A. Barnett  
Cecile Consigny  
Robert Consigny  
Kenneth P. Fouts  
Joan Jarrett

Mike Lanpher  
James J. Lawrence  
Beverley MacNeill  
Irene Methot  
Ralph R. Money  
Martha Pousha  
Joseph P. Sexton  
Fredrick S. Sheets  
Dianne Techman  
Ray Wade  
Jack Thiele

## Southwest Region

Margaret Aldridge  
Temple Pouncey

Darwin White

## Committees

### Special Events

Andy Lucas  
David Lanahan  
Marv Blevins  
Phil Koerin  
Hal Witter

### Standards & Evaluations

Don Robinson  
Pat Gray

### Marketing & Publicity

Charlie Hess  
Ron Hamner  
Bob Wright  
Sandra Ward

### Audit

Ed Jones, Chair 1997  
James Geith, Chair 1998  
John Baird

## **Award Recognition**

Fred Lopez  
Bill Guion  
Martha Hoffacker

## **Membership Development**

Frank Demolli  
Ron Hamner  
Preston Johnson  
Liz Johnson

## **Fund Raising**

Stan Forster  
Dena Forster  
Jan Roberson-Lynsky

## **1999 Convention**

Robert Keiffert  
Tom Martin  
Phil Tuttle  
Paul Mullen  
JoAnn Sell  
Max Sell  
Thelma Goris  
Clarence Wright  
Pattie Lackey  
Diana Harnish  
Donna Kiefert  
Bob Miller  
Carol Miller  
Jackie McCombs  
Clarence Wright  
John Pierce  
David Bradley

## **Strategic Planning**

Paul C. Chasteen  
Richard A. Gamble  
Alice Lawrence  
Marvin Baker

Elaine Brayton  
Ann dela Fuente  
Robert C. Wright  
Frederick G. Welch  
Leslie Penton  
Edward Low

## **AVA Internet**

Bob McDougall  
Mary Fernandez  
David N. Toth  
Diane Ference  
Charles Wortz  
Gary Whitford  
Don Janes  
John Pierce  
Ron Brown  
Sandy Lynch  
Ira Winkler  
Bill Guion  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
Doyle Piland

## **Nominating-Northeast**

Charlotte Phillips  
Alan Robitaille  
David Runnals  
Don Meltzer  
Carol West  
Beryl J. Wolf

## **Nominating-Northwest**

Rick Gamble

## **Nominating--North Central**

Ford Forster  
Doug Kapaun  
Tom Doyle  
Ruth Herman

## **Nominating--Southeast**

Duncan Brantley

## **Nominating -- National**

Shirley Lindberg

Bev Mac Neill

Pat Lucero

Elaine Samus

Bill Gruber

Diane Ference

## **Nominating--Southeast**

Duncan Brantley

## **Nominating -- National**

Shirley Lindberg

Bev Mac Neill

Pat Lucero

Elaine Samus

Bill Gruber

Diane Ference

## **Trailblazer Award**

### **Black Hills Volkssport Association**

This club has distinguished itself through exemplary service to the American Volkssport Association. This club, through its hardworking, dedicated members, has been the driving force behind the annual Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch. Through the effort of the club's members, this event has grown from an attendance of several hundred to nearly fifteen hundred during its thirteen year history. Thanks to the Black Hills Volkssport Association, "Volksmarch" has become a household word in many home across the country.

### **Maryland Volkssport Association**

For the vision to believe that walkers want a quality experience such as the goal of walking the entire 300km of the C & O Canal. For the dedication to make that vision a reality for hundreds of walkers. For the added benefit through March for Parks and a partnership with the C & O Canal Association of donating all profits to the restoration of the Monocacy Aqueduct to keep the trail in tact.

### **The Happy Wanderers**

For significant contributions to trail development in Florida and Georgia. Recognized by volkssporters for excellence in Year Round Events (YREs) for two years running. Having two YRE trails in the 1998 Top Ten AVA listing. Holding and maintaining 20+ YREs. Initiating the "Going South for the Summer" weekly series of sanctioned events to provide group walks and for introducing community participation to AVA trail awareness.