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McLEARY RE-ELECTED BWAA PRESIDENT

Hazel McLeary of Victoria, British Columbia was re-elected to a second one-year term as Bowling Writers Association of America president by the BWAA board during the annual convention June 23-28 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Pictured below top to bottom are: Hazel McLeary, Victoria, British Columbia; Joan Taylor-Schliewenz, E. Stroudburg, Pa.; Bill Zuben, Largo, Fla.; and Joan Romeo, Van Nuys, Calif.



The Board also re-elected Dick Evans as vice president and Steve James as executive director, both for one-year terms. Additionally, Mike Hennessy, Bluffton, S.C.; Nancy Chapman, Green Bay, Wis.; Joan Feinblum, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Evans were re-elected for two-year terms. New board members elected for two years by the members are Joan Taylor-Schliewenz, E. Stroudburg, Pa., and Bill Zuben, Largo, Fla. Terms run from Aug. 1 through July 31.

Board members with one more year of service include Tom Clark, Muskego, Wis.; Jackie Wyckoff, Campbell, Calif.; Chris Beard, Gardnerville, Nev.; Bill Vint, East Troy, Wis.; Jim Goodwin, Rockwall, Texas; Kathleen Watson, Richmond, Calif.; Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., John Falzone, Rockford, Ill., and McLeary.

More than 80 BWAA members attended Bowl Expo, IBPSIA and Coaches Summit activities at Mandalay Bay and 56 were on hand for the BWAA Annual Meeting where legislation was approved to reduce the size of the BWAA Board of Directors from 16 to 12 over the next two years, and to revamp the "old" BWAA and National Women Bowling Writers Awards programs by eliminating and/or renaming most awards.

The membership voted to continue its Bowler of the Year recognition program for male and female candidates in "professional," Amateur, Senior and Collegiate categories, and to add a new High School Bowlers of the Year category.

The former Mort Luby Sr. and NWBW Alberta E. Crowe awards will be combined into a new BWAA Hall of Fame Award, recognizing distinguished service in bowling journalism. The former John O. Martino and NWBW Jo Ettein Leiber Awards will become the BWAA Meritorious Service Award, recognizing an individual, business or organization for extraordinary contributions to bowling (BWAA members will also now become eligible for this award). The old BWAA Rip Van Winkle Award was eliminated, and a newly-announced grassroots communications award program sponsored by USBC will replace all of NWBW's former media awards.



The members voted to conduct the 2008 BWAA Convention the last week of June in conjunction with Bowl Expo in Orlando, Fla. Specific BWAA meeting dates will be determined soon.

Joan Romeo was presented with the Columbia 300 Remo Picchetti Humanitarian Award while another member, Len Nicholson, was awarded the Flowers for the Living.

James Buonaiuto of the Bronx, N.Y., who attends St. John's University, and high school graduate Patricia Pringle of Antioch, Ill. were recipients of \$1,000 as the BWAA Chuck Pezzano Scholarship program selections. The announcement was made at the annual meeting.



Annual meeting minutes and a complete convention wrap-up will be available soon.

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