

Metro Detroit Honors Umpires at Annual Awards Breakfast

The Metro Detroit Umpire Staff hosted their 14th annual umpire awards breakfast on April 10, at the Cultural Center in Plymouth, Michigan. Forty-four umpires, honorees and guests enjoyed a buffet brunch followed by an informational meeting and awards program. Metro Detroit commissioner, Stu Alderman, welcomed the attendees and expressed his thanks to the umpires who work diligently to make the association successful. Newly appointed Michigan ASA UIC, Bryan Smith, was a special guest and spoke about his desire to continue the outstanding relationship that exists between the Michigan and Detroit umpire programs.

Nine umpires received a plaque from their assigner indicating dedication to their local umpire program. Five umpires received a Medals membership in recognition of their participation in annual umpire training and participating in their first MDASA tournament. Four National Indicator Fraternity members were presented with a service pin to signify the number of years they have been registered with ASA. Five trophies were presented to individuals who successfully worked three national tournaments and earned membership in the National Indicator Fraternity.

The Awards breakfast has become an annual event of the MDASA umpire program as 120 plaques, 125 Medals memberships, 76 Service Pins, 38 National Indicator Fraternity trophies and 9 Elite Umpire Certificates have been awarded since the inaugural year in 2003.

AWARDS BREAKFAST HONOREES

ASSOCIATION PLAQUES

All Area Officials
Clarkston Slow Pitch Umpires
Metro Softball Slow Pitch
Metro Softball Fast Pitch
West Bloomfield Umpires
Waterford Umpires
Novi Umpires
Reiser Umpires

HONOREE

Ron Respondek
Lenny Kersten
Allan Suchy
Brandon Szachta
Fred Salmu
Sheryl Frederiksen
Barry Lepofsky
David Smith and Mike Luttenberger

MEDALS PROGRAM MEMBERSHIPS

Ed Abbott, Katie Haydett, Burt Hurshe, Ray Lemanski, Brandon Szachta

SERVICE PINS

Jason Clark (10), Jim Niemiec (25), Stephanie Perrie (30), and Jim Tiede (10)

NATIONAL INDICATOR FRATERNITY TROPHY

Bill Blickensdorf, Pete Condino, Thomas Donovan, Don Gillette, Brandon Pappas

