

# **MSCA Distinguished Service Award**

The Minnesota Speech Coaches Association (MSCA) Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have made truly outstanding contributions to Speech Activities in Minnesota. The focus is not on competitive excellence at a state or national level, but rather on those who have sought to expand the activity and provide true voluntary service to their fellow coaches.

One or more recipients of the MSCA Distinguished Service Award may be selected each year. There is no assumption, however, that this award will be given every year. Recipients will be recognized at the annual CTAM conference at the MSCA Awards Chat and Chew.

## **Nomination Procedure**

1. An individual must be nominated by one or more members of MSCA.
2. The nomination must include a letter from the nominator(s) that addresses the ways in which this individual has made truly significant contributions to speech activities in the state of Minnesota and furthered the mission of speech activities throughout the state. The key to the letter is to demonstrate the rationale for the nominated individual receiving the award.
3. Additional letters of support may be included, but are not required.
4. A resume for the person being nominated may be submitted, but is not a requirement.
5. Nominations are due by May 15 and should be sent through email to the current MSCA President or Past President.
  - a. MSCA President - Jason Olson - [jason.olson@isd423.org](mailto:jason.olson@isd423.org)
  - b. MSCA Past President - Scott Sieling - [ssieling@isd271.org](mailto:ssieling@isd271.org)

## **Selection Procedure**

1. Nominations will be vetted by a selection committee of five people chosen by the President of MSCA. In the event that the President is nominated, the President shall appoint an officer of MSCA to select the five people and handle the selection and awards process.
2. The selection committee should be made up of A and AA coaches, with no more than 3 coaches coming from one class.

3. The selection committee will vote after reviewing the materials. At least three individuals from the selection committee must be in favor of approving the application for the nomination to be successful.

### **Award Procedure**

1. The individual who has been successfully nominated will be recognized at the MSCA Chat and Chew held at the annual CTAM conference.
2. They will receive a plaque celebrating their selection.
3. A short statement, explaining why they were selected, will be given at the Chat and Chew.
4. Recipients will be notified in advance of their selection.