

Addendum to October UMECRA Newsletter!

AWARDS are AWESOME! Honor the amazing people in our sport by nominating someone for the Shining Light Award and Hall of Fame. It would be wonderful to hand these out at the UMECRA Convention in January!

1. **Dr. Beecher Shining Light Award** - Due by the end of the day tomorrow, November 1. This award honors an outstanding individual who has provided tireless service to UMECRA as a ride manager or veterinarian. Individuals should possess some of the following characteristics: being organized, helpful, honest, supportive, a sense of fairness, knowledge of the sport, consistency, able to educate and mentors others, able to delegate and able to deal with crisis situations. The form can be found at <https://www.umecra.com/awards.html>.
2. **Hall of Fame Award** - Due by November 10th. Nominees must have contributed to UMECRA in some way. This should include an extraordinary volunteerism given to the organization. There are no requirements that the nominees must be a rider or ride manager. Go to this link for more information on this award <https://www.umecra.com/AwardForms/UMECRAHallofFame.pdf>

Submit the Shining Light form and/or the Hall of Fame written nomination to UMECRA Secretary, Janet Sarver at Jsarver662@gmail.com. Please contact her if there are any questions.

Do you know someone who contributes significantly to our sport? Someone who mentors others and encourages people to give it a try? It is that time of the year again to send in your nominations for Outstanding Mentor and Outstanding Service awards. Both awards are sponsored by AHDRA and will be announced at the Annual Convention in January. Nominations need to be sent to Jim Andriakos at cgswwimcoach@yahoo.com and must be received by **December 1st**. Please refer to <http://www.ahdra.org/awards.html> to find more information for each award.

Outstanding Mentor Award

Sponsored by AHDRA and awarded to the individual who has been an outstanding mentor, helping others learn about the sport of Distance Riding. The recipient is chosen by the AHDRA Executive Board and is announced at the UMECRA awards banquet. To nominate a mentor, the person(s) who benefited from the mentor's support should send a letter to the AHDRA President no later than **December 1st**, highlighting the reasons for the nomination.

Outstanding Service Award

Sponsored by AHDRA and awarded to the individual who has shown outstanding service to UMECRA and the sport of Distance Riding on a continual basis. The recipient is chosen by the AHDRA Executive Board and is announced at the UMECRA awards banquet. Nominations for the award should be directed to the AHDRA President by December 1.

Do you want a voice on the UMECRA Board? Are there issues or topics that you are passionate about? Consider being a Rider Representative!

There are 4 Rider Representative positions open for a 2 -year term starting in 2024. This is a great position for those who want to serve as a connection between riders and the Board.

- A Rider Representative must be a 2+ year UMECRA member at least 18 years of age who has been elected to serve the on the Board of Directors by individual and family members. They are also delegates to the annual and special meeting(s).
- Ride managers are **not** eligible to be elected as Rider Representatives.
- Interested members need to create a write up with a description of who they are and why they would like to represent their fellow distance riders. You can nominate yourself or someone else.
- All nominations need to be sent to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at jmsarver1966@gmail.com no later than December 15, 2023. Elections will be held online in early January.

Other positions that will be up for election are as follows:

- **President, MI Regional Director at Large, WI Regional Director at Large, Veterinarian Representative** - All nominations need to be sent to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at jmsarver1966@gmail.com no later than December 15, 2023. Elections will be held online in early January.

UMECRA BoD Meeting - 10am

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AGENDA NOVEMBER 11, 2023 BOARD MEETING

10am CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

TREASURERS REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules Committee Awards Committee

Ride Calendar Committee

Status of Social Meda volunteer

OLD BUSINESS Fiscal Year (treasurer)

Insurance update,

price update International Competition (USEF)

Convention Update Awards (revision of awards structure)

Scholarship fund (fund raiser/distribution)

Rules Committee - Voting for paid members.

NEW BUSINESS

Competitive water rule

Appointments of points keeper and web master

Elections of President, MN, WI, vet rep and rider reps. Election process clarification

Appoint an interim treasurer

Trail grants