

International Kwanmukan® Kwanmukan International Society

Outstanding Kwanmukan Competitors are recognized with the Kwanmukan International Society Award

KWANMUKAN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

It is resolved that the Founding Members of the Kwanmukan International Society do hereby say:

- That the Kwanmukan International Society was founded October 1, 2014.
- That the purpose of the Society is to Honor Grandmaster Robert A. Trias and Grandmaster George E. Anderson, and continue the tradition of recognizing the most spirited competitors as well as those men and women who embody the way of Bushido through their training and lifestyle.
- That membership entitled by this elite society shall be the most prestigious recognition awarded to a competitor by the International Kwanmukan.
- That the founding fathers Patrick Hickey, Michael Bukala, Robert Saal, Carl Wilcox, Larry Overholt.
- Kwanmukan International Society members in the order of their inductance to date:
2015
Robert Saal, Patrick Hickey, Michael Bukala, Larry Overholt, Carl Wilcox, Pamela Hickey, Danny Stephens, Phil Warren, Janine Dalton, Ken Ferguson
2016
David, Ames, Lance Weimer
2017
To be determined
- That the Society members shall meet once a year at the KWANMUKAN Symposium to consider candidates for this prestigious award.
- That the Society shall elect a President every six years. His duties shall be to conduct the interview procedure, maintain the time schedule and appoint a Secretary whose responsibility it will be to count votes and keep the minutes. Michael Bukala will be the first president.
- That all members of the Society shall have equal opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- 1) Candidates must be Black Belts.
- 2) Candidates must be members of Kwanmukan.
- 3) Candidates shall qualify by one of two methods:
 - a) Nomination by a Society member
 - b) Automatic nomination
- 4) Automatic nomination is achieved by winning one of the following Championships:
 - i) Anderson Cup as an adult black Belt
 - ii) USA Karate National Championship
 - iii) International event approved by the Society
 - iv) Other event as determined by the Society
- 5) Nomination by a Society Member:
 - a) To be eligible for an interview, candidate nominations and 10 hard copies of the required resumes' must be received by the Kwanmukan International Society President (1) month prior to the Annual Symposium so that copies and agendas can be made for the annual society meeting.
- 6) Automatic Nomination:



- a) To be eligible for an interview, 10 hard copies of the candidates resumes' must be received in writing by the Kwanmukan International President (1) month prior to the Annual Symposium so that copies and agendas can be made for the annual meeting.
- 7) Resumes' shall be mailed to the Society President:

PROCEDURE

- a) Candidates will be interviewed the night before the awards banquet.
- b) The candidates will wear white gi.
- c) All candidates will be honored with an interview.
- d) Due to the number of automatic nominations, interviews will be limited to 10 minutes. Discussion following each interview will be limited to 5 minutes.
- e) Automatic nominations will require 80% of the vote, rounded to the nearest whole number.
- f) Society nominations will require 80% of the vote, rounded to the nearest whole number.
- g) Successful candidates will be announced at the annual Kwanmukan awards banquet the following night.

Note to Society Members:

In keeping with the traditions Mr. Robert Trias started in the original Trias International Society for which this is descended from (Hanshi George Anderson being a member), all members of the Society are considered equal regardless of age or rank. It shall be understood that all discussions that occur during the meetings shall be held in the strictest confidence.

Because of the exclusivity of the award, it is understood that the Society will consider many and honor few. Candidates should be made aware that it is an honor just to be considered, and that their attitude and reactions in the event they are not selected weigh heavily on future nominations. It is not the intention of the Society to create disappointment, but to adhere to the highest standards.

In the first year of the Society only those who competed in the 1960-70's are eligible for induction. In the second year of the Society only those who competed in the 1980's are eligible for induction. In the third year and further there is no limitation on when competition took place.