

## **Proposal for By-Law Amendment, 2023**

**Proposed Addition to the NISCA Professional Awards** (NISCA By-Laws, Article V "Professional Awards", Section 2 "Awards and recognition"); insert after current subsection [f] "HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD", relabel subsequent subsections [g] through [l] as [h] through [m]:

**Award for Excellence in Media Coverage of Interscholastic Aquatic Sports.** Work nominated for the award displays creative, in-depth and innovative coverage of high school aquatic sports—especially larger issues and trends related to interscholastic levels of athletic competition.

The award is intended to recognize work by daily and weekly newspapers and periodical magazines, local and national television news broadcasts and national news organizations. Work by multimedia and online news outlets is eligible as well.

Nomination deadline shall be Jan 31 of the current year. Nominations should include work completed or continuing in the calendar year preceding the Jan. 31 deadline. Both individuals and media organizations are eligible for the award. Anyone may submit an entry to the NISCA Professional Awards Committee Chair on behalf of an individual or organization.

There are no application forms. Each entry must be accompanied by a letter describing the nature and result of the work and by the relevant aired or published material and/or other necessary documentation. To facilitate judging, please provide electronic copies of work or links to the work, with the cover letter contextualizing the entry.

**Rationale:** NISCA recognizes coaches and athletes in interscholastic aquatic sports and adding an award recognizing the contributions by various media in promoting and celebrating the accomplishments, achievements, or newsworthy coverage relating to them would be in accordance with the Association's objectives in the Constitution, Article II, Section 1.e.: *To promote interscholastic aquatic sports locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally*