IOWA STATE USBC BOWLING HALL OF FAME

Attached you will find the application for the Iowa State USBC Bowling Hall of Fame. Please complete it in its entirety and submit/postmark no later than August 15. Submit your completed nomination form along with this cover sheet to the Iowa State Association Manager:

Iowa State USBC
935 South 26th Street
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
association.manager@iowabowl.com

Please state which category you are submitting your application for:

Male ☑ Female ☐

Performance ☐

Meritorious Service ☐

Performance/Meritorious ☐

Ambassador ☑

The "Ambassador" award shall be presented to those individuals who best exemplify the sport of bowling through their dedication and service to USBC members and the game of American Tenpins. The recipient may or may not be a member of the Iowa State USBC. He or she should embrace the same goals and ideals as the Board of Directors.

Any Iowa State USBC association (including affiliates) or members may nominate an individual for this award. Nominations must be sent to the state office, postmarked or submitted no later than August 15 of the current year. Our recipient is a person who provides leadership, knowledge and cooperation in assisting the Iowa State USBC with its mission of serving the bowlers of Iowa.

Is this application being submitted Posthumous? ☐ YES ☑ NO

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NOMINATION FOR THE AMBASSADOR AWARD

Explain the dedication and service to Iowa State USBC bowlers this nominee has accomplished.

In 250 words or less, explain why you feel the nominee should be given this award.

Gene Spears has been an ardent supporter of his local association along with the Iowa State Senior Bowling Committee. He served on the board of the Greater Cedar Valley USBC BA from 1999 thru 2013 before being forced to resign due to health issues. During that time, Gene represented the senior bowlers of his association with a strong voice on the local board. He worked tirelessly to support the board whenever a state open or women's tournament was held in Waterloo. In 1999, Gene was presented with the local association Director of the Year Award and was presented the Board Dedication Award in 2013.

Gene volunteered to join the local Hall of Fame Committee in 1999 and still serves on that committee currently.

In 2001, Gene was elected to the Iowa State Senior Bowling Board of Directors. He actively served on that board until health concerns forced his to retire while serving at the Vice President level. At that time, Gene was next in line to ascend to the office of President. For his dedicated service to the State Senior Board, he was awarded the Honarary President's Gavel for 2013-14.

Fortunately, Gene's health improved a few years ago and he has returned to the lanes. Over the years, he amassed a total of 3-300 games, a 297, 298, and 299. While he has won league titles and his highest average was 218, his passion and dedication to the game of bowling is where he becomes very special. As Gene's career winds down, there are three words he represents that could be used as a guide for those that follow behind him, those words would be PAY IT FORWARD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Engelkes

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Chairman, Greater Cedar Valley USBC BA HOF Committee

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