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DR. HAROLD T. FRIERMOOD

Second Recipient of the Joseph G. Rogers Award



Dr. Friermood gave leadership to the total YMCA competitive swimming program through his office as Senior Secretary for Health, Physical Education and Recreation of the National Council of YMCA's.

He was an excellent recruiter and was responsible for getting the following persons to serve the competitive program, each of whom I believe might be nominated in his own right for the J. G. Rogers Award at some future date.

Robert J. Kiputh — Charles Mc Caffree Jr. — Robert H. Royer

He was responsible for the complete updating and record keeping of the National Championship records for the years he was on the National Staff.

Dr. Friermood initiated the idea of a National Sub Committee on competition. For about ten years or more the annual meeting of this committee was held in conjunction with the National Convention of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Chairman of that committee appointed by Dr. T. K. Curetom then the chairman of the National YMCA Aquatics Committee included:

Charles Mc Caffree Jr. — Dr. Robert Roger — Dr. Fred Lawoue

Through Dr. Friermood's travels, he promoted the National YMCA Championships and worked with local Physical Directors and lay committees encouraging them to host the event.

In 1962, he wrote a thirty page book "National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships". This updated all the material in the field including applications, records, evaluation, etc. (I have a copy as you probably have in the new aquatic work book).

It was his effort that finally resolved the AAU - YMCA and NCAA registration conflict.

He was active on the Olympic Committee and represented the YMCA on the Swimming Sub Committee prior to his election to the Olympic Executive Committee. He discussed with me many times his interest in the International Swimming aspects.

His availability and organization skill were paramount in keeping our National Swimming and Diving Championships as a part of the total YMCA aquatic program.

He is the executive director for the Council for National Cooperation in Aquatics, Inc.