

Contributor Award Winners



James E. Cook

St. Paris, Ohio

Jim, an official for 38 years with the West Central TOA, graduated in 1971 from Urbana College with a BS in Education and in 1974 from the University of Dayton with a Masters in Education.

He retired from Graham Local in 2007 as a P.E. teacher after 38 years. Currently, he is the Executive Director for SHAPE America Midwest District. He has 8 children and 11 grandkids. He was a starter at the State meet from 2008 –2011 (head starter). Jim was nominated by Ed Crawford, who said: "Jim has been a presenter and mentor for many track officials in the Dayton North area of the Southwest District."

Nick Gizzi

Lisbon, Ohio

An official for 33 years with the Greater Youngstown TOA, Nick has been a starter at District and Regional track meets.

He is also a Special Olympics volunteer. Nick has been in charge of the State hurdle crew for 30+ years. He was nominated by Lou Brown, who said: "Nick sets the example when it comes to arriving early and getting things ready to make for a successful meet."