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ABOUT THE USBWA

This season marks the 53rd anniversary of the USBWA, founded in 1956 at the urging of then-NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers. The primary goal of the USBWA has remained constant since its inception: To serve the interests of journalists who cover college basketball.

The USBWA annually selects a player of the year and All-America teams for both men and women in college basketball. The USBWA men's player of the year award, the Oscar Robertson Trophy, was first established in 1959 and is considered to be college basketball's oldest such award.

The USBWA also selects a national coach of the year for men and women, with the men's award named after legendary coach Henry Iba.

The USBWA annually awards college scholarships to students pursuing careers in sports journalism. The USBWA also honors past and current members of the organization for career achievements with the USBWA Hall of Fame.

In addition, the USBWA presents a Most Courageous Award to a player, coach or official in college basketball who demonstrates extraordinary courage in life, and the Katha Quinn Award, in honor of the former SID at St. John's University, to individuals who have either excelled servicing the media or provide an inspiration to sports writers.

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1962-63	Ray Marquette , Indianapolis Star
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1965-66	Dick Friendlich , San Francisco Chronicle
1966-67	Larry Boeck , Louisville Courier-Journal
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1973-74	Jerry Radding , Springfield Union
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2007-08	Andy Katz , ESPN
2008-09	Dick Jerardi , Philadelphia Daily News

2008-09 PRESIDENT DICK JERARDI

Dick Jerardi has been writing about sports for the *Philadelphia Daily News* since 1985. He has covered college basketball for the Daily News since 1987, first as a reporter and then as national coordinator in 1993, a position he still holds today.



Dick is also known as a national horse racing reporter, with coverage including every Triple Crown race since 1987 and every Breeders' Cup since 1986. He won writing awards for a series on Barbaro in 2006 and the Preakness in 2004 and is a five-time Red Smith Award winner for the Kentucky Derby coverage and a two-time Joe Hirsch Writing Award winner for coverage of the Breeders' Cup.

His general assignment work for the Daily News includes covering the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the NFL, the major league baseball championship series and the NBA playoffs.

Dick also does broadcast work. He was an on-site reporter for Comcast SportsNet for the 2005 and 2006 Triple Crown and an analyst for the Breeders' Cup horse racing simulcast show from 1999 to 2004 and the pre-Derby, pre-Preakness and pre-Breeders' Cup handicapping shows on ESPN from 2004-2007.

He was selected Pennsylvania Sportswriter of the Year in 2001 and was an Associated Press Sports Editors' national finalist in 1999 and 2006.



In-coming USBWA President Dick Jerardi (left) with last year's President Andy Katz.

USBWA EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

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1969-77 **Ray Marquette**, Indianapolis Star
1977-83 **Steve Guback**, Washington Star
1983- **Joe Mitch**, Missouri Valley Conference