

Atlantic Middle States Conference Notes

The "Jersey Devil" Award

This award is based on the number of registered members (not spouses) from each state and the mileage from the capital city of that state to the capital city of the host state.

Members	Miles between Capitals								
#	NY	NJ	PA	DE	MD	DC	VA	Points	
NY	0	196	281	307	356	369	475		
NJ	196	0	126	113	162	175	280		
PA	281	126	0	89	110	121	226		
DE	307	113	89	0	65	95	201		
MD	356	162	110	65	0	34	140		
DC	369	175	121	95	34	0	108		
VA	475	280	226	201	140	108	0		

Procedure to Determine the Winner of the Award:

1. Copy this sheet and keep the original for next time.
2. For each state write in the blank column at the left the number of registered members (not spouses).
3. Cross out all columns except the one headed under the host state's abbreviation.
4. For each row multiply the written in number (members registered) by the mileage from that state's capital to the host state's capital (in the column not crossed out) and write the result in the blank column on the right.
5. The state with the highest number in the right column wins custody of the Jersey Devil for a year.
6. The host state society is ineligible to compete in this contest.

Procedure for Handling the Award:

1. The presiding VPG will present the award at the Atlantic Middle States Meeting.
2. The winning state is responsible for getting its name and the year it won the award engraved on the plaque (using multiple years on the blanks keeps the plaque full and current).
3. The winning state must return the award to the next year's host state president at the next year's Atlantic Middle States Meeting.
4. When there is no more space for engraved tags (on the front, sides or back), the plaque will be retired and at the next year's meeting it will be given permanently to the state which won the most years. That state will be notified early and will be responsible for buying or making a new plaque to be awarded to that year's winner.

History: The trophy is in the shape of a legendary creature that haunts the pinelands and swamps of southern New Jersey -- an apt image for those hardy SAR compatriots who must show up unexpectedly far from home to win the award. The original award plaque was carved by Frank Kinammon (Delaware Society SAR), who was Secretary-General of the NSSAR for 1977-78. The award was first presented in 1980.