



Joe Grossman, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 1979



Joe greasing up IMSHOF Honoree Greta Andersen

Personal Website - (None known)

Joe Grossman was involved in all aspects of marathon swimming administration, organization and promotion and is considered the Founding Father of the modern era of marathon swimming. He was instrumental in the formation of the World Professional Marathon Swimming Association and served as its secretary. Joe traveled worldwide as a public information officer and took these opportunities to promote marathon swimming and to lay the foundation to unify marathon swimming programs. He worked tirelessly to increase the prize money for the swimmers and to develop an equitable distribution of the available money. Joe received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1970 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation) - No entry expected