

Ryan Voted 2006 MLB Executive of the Year

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NAPLES, FL – For the second time in his career, **Terry Ryan**, general manager of the Minnesota Twins, has been selected by his peers as the Major League Baseball Executive of the Year.

The award, presented annually by Sporting News magazine, is voted on by Major League Baseball executives. A special crystal award was presented to Ryan by Sporting News Sr. VP/Editorial Director **John Rawlings** in Naples, Florida.

In voting by 60 MLB executives – two from each club – Ryan received 15 votes, four more than Marlins G.M. **Larry Beinfest** who received 11 votes and the A's **Billy Beane** and Mets **Omar Minaya** who each received 8 votes. Ryan also won the award in 2002.

“Everyone in baseball admires what Terry has accomplished, sustaining a winning team with one of the lowest payrolls in baseball. He has proven to be an excellent talent evaluator and a very patient leader,” said Rawlings. “When the Twins got off to a rocky start, Terry never panicked and the team ended up only one loss away from the best record in baseball. Terry -- and he will graciously credit his staff -- is very deserving of this award again.”

Since becoming general manager of the Twins in 1994, Ryan, 53, has built his Twins teams - including the 2006 A.L. Central champions - through the draft, smart trades and swift adjustments.

“Terry has built the Twins into one of the top teams in baseball,” said Tigers G.M. **Dave Dombrowski**

“Through his leadership, the Twins are one of the best organizations on a yearly basis.

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