

## **By-Law B4.2.3: The Fluorescent Mineral Society Hall of Fame** (REVISED 6-14-17)

### **B4.2.3.1: Purpose**

The purpose of the Fluorescent Mineral Society (FMS) Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals and organizations that have made outstanding or exceptional contributions to the fluorescent mineral collecting hobby. A secondary purpose is to raise the visibility of the Fluorescent Mineral Society (FMS) and the fluorescent mineral collecting community through the public recognition of its most prominent and active members, both past and present.

### **B4.2.3.2: Eligibility**

Any person or organization is eligible for nomination to the FMS Hall of Fame (HoF). Individuals may be nominated posthumously. Nominees need not be members of FMS.

### **B4.2.3.3: Hall of Fame Selection Committee**

A Hall of Fame Selection Committee (Selection Committee) shall be established to accept and review nominations, select those to be inducted into the HoF, and generally administer the overall selection process.

**B4.2.3.3.1: Composition** The Selection Committee shall be composed of one member from the FMS Board of Directors (the Board) and two members of the FMS in good standing. At least one member of the Selection Committee shall have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of FMS membership.

**B4.2.3.3.2: Eligibility** Subject to B4.2.3.3.1, the President shall nominate three (3) members of the FMS to the Selection Committee and submit their names to the FMS Board for confirmation.

**B4.2.3.3.3: Term of Service** The term of service on the Selection Committee is three (3) years. Terms shall be staggered so as to have one (1) new member each year (after initial setup).

**B4.2.3.3.4: Restrictions** No member of the Selection Committee is eligible for nomination to the HoF, nor is any person who holds the same FMS membership number as a member of the Selection Committee (e.g., family members of a member of the Selection Committee).

### **B4.2.3.3.5: Duties**

**B4.2.3.3.5.1:** The Selection Committee shall annually develop a timeline for the HoF selection process that includes (i) the solicitation of nominations, (ii) the receipt of completed nominations (see B4.2.3.5.1 and B4.2.3.5.2 below), (iii) the review and evaluation of applications, (iv) the selection of those nominees (if any) to be inducted into the HoF, (v) the announcement of the names of the new inductees, (vi) the selection of a venue for officially honoring the new inductees, and (vii) publicizing the results to the greater mineral hobby community. The timetable shall be submitted to the Board for review and comment.

**B4.2.3.3.5.2:** The Selection Committee shall solicit nominations and receive completed Nomination Forms (see B4.2.3.5.2.1).

**B4.2.3.3.5.3:** The Selection Committee shall evaluate each valid nomination it receives in accordance with the selection criteria set forth in B4.2.3.4 below to select those nominees, if any, that it deems worthy of election into the HoF. (see B4.2.3.5.2.2)

**B4.2.3.3.5.4:** At the completion of its evaluation, the Selection Committee shall present to the Board the name(s) of those it has selected for induction into the HoF. The report to the Board is advisory: The decision of the Selection Committee is final (see B4.2.3.5.2.3).

**B4.2.3.3.5.5:** For each inductee into the HoF, the Selection Committee shall prepare a citation that highlights the major contributions of that inductee (see B4.2.3.5.3.1 and B4.2.3.5.3.2).

**B4.2.3.3.5.6:** The Selection Committee shall prepare (or arrange for the preparation of) awards, such as certificates or plaques, as appropriate, and select a suitable venue for presenting the awards (see (see B4.2.3.5.3.5)).

**B4.2.3.3.5.7:** The Selection Committee, in consultation with the Board, shall publicize the names of those inducted into the Hall of Fame (see B4.2.3.5.3.6).

#### **B4.2.3.4: Selection Criteria**

**B4.2.3.4.1:** Those elected to the HoF are expected to have made significant, influential, or outstanding contributions to one or more major areas of the fluorescent mineral hobby. Examples include (i) **research** to increase understanding of luminescence and luminescent minerals or to increase understanding of the causes of fluorescence; (ii) **education**, focused on the dissemination of information about luminescence and fluorescent minerals; (iii) **outreach**, such as displaying and exhibiting fluorescent minerals, and general promotion of the hobby; (iv) **technological contributions**, such as development of improved lights and lighting techniques; (v) **service to the FMS**.

**B4.2.3.4.2:** Contributions need not be limited to the areas identified in the previous section, nor must they be confined to a particular application area.

**B4.2.3.4.3:** This award is intended to recognize significant, influential, or outstanding accomplishments that accrue over some extended period of time. The award is generally not intended to recognize short-term accomplishments unless they are unanimously recognized as superior.

#### **B4.2.3.5: Nomination and Selection Procedure**

##### **B4.2.3.5.1: Nominations**

**B4.2.3.5.1.1:** Nominations for the HoF shall be submitted on or before the submission deadline established by the Selection Committee (see B4.2.3.3.5.1 & B4.2.3.3.5.2). The nomination consists of a completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form (copy attached), plus any supporting documentation. The HoF Nomination Form may be obtained from any Board member upon request, and shall be available on other FMS media (e.g., the FMS website).

**B4.2.3.5.1.2:** The completed Nomination Form requires one signature: That would be the individual leading the nomination effort. Only members of the FMS in good standing may sign the FMS HoF Nomination Form. Members of the Selection Committee may not sign a Nomination Form. A prospective nominee may not sign his or her own nomination form.

**B4.2.3.5.1.3:** Incomplete nominations or nominations received after the submission deadline are invalid and shall be disqualified.

##### **B4.2.3.5.2: Review and Evaluation**

**B4.2.3.5.2.1:** The Selection Committee shall evaluate each valid nomination it receives in accordance with the selection criteria set forth in B4.2.3.4 below to select those nominees, if any, that in its judgment should be elected into the HoF. The Committee, at its option, may request additional information as necessary to support a nomination or clarify the information presented therein (see B4.2.3.3.5.2).

**B4.2.3.5.2.2:** The Selection Committee shall evaluate each nominee solely on the basis of the documented achievements as presented in the nominee's completed nomination (see B4.2.3.5.1.1) and additional supporting information requested by the Selection Committee (see B4.2.3.5.2.1). Nominations that are found contain false or misleading information are subject to disqualification (see B4.2.3.3.5.3).

**B4.2.3.5.2.3:** At the completion of its evaluation, the Selection Committee shall present to the Board the name(s) of those it has selected for induction into the HoF (see B4.2.3.3.5.4).

##### **B4.2.3.5.3: Awards and Recognition**

**B4.2.3.5.3.1:** For each inductee into the HoF, the Selection Committee shall prepare a citation that highlights the major contributions of that inductee. For this task, the Selection Committee should consult the inductee's nomination and may request assistance from the member(s) who nominated the successful candidate (see B4.2.3.3.5.5).

**B4.2.3.5.3.2:** In consultation with the Selection Committee, the Board shall determine what additional mementos (such as certificates, plaques, or trophies) shall be given to honorees. The Selection Committee shall prepare (or arrange for the preparation of) of these additional awards, as appropriate (see B4.2.3.3.5.5).

**B4.2.3.5.3.3:** The Selection Committee shall annually submit a budget request for funds to cover expected program costs, including the cost of preparing mementos for honorees. Expenditures that significantly exceed the amount approved in the annual budget shall not be reimbursed without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

**B4.2.3.5.3.4:** The Selection Committee shall formally announce the names of those elected to the HoF at an appropriate time, as determined in consultation with the Board.

**B4.2.3.5.3.5:** The Selection Committee shall select a suitable venue for presenting the awards. Awards should typically be presented at the FMS annual meeting unless the awardee(s) cannot attend, in which case some alternative venue may be arranged (see B4.2.3.3.5.6).

**B4.2.3.5.3.6:** Those newly elected to the HoF will be further recognized with appropriate publicity and displays, which may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following forms (see B4.2.3.3.5.7).

- Names of honorees shall be posted prominently (i) in the *UV Waves*, (ii) on the FMS website, and (iii) in other FMS publicity, as appropriate.
- Names of honorees shall be reported to leading mineralogical publications such as the *Mineralogical Record*, *Rocks and Minerals*, *Rock and Gem*, and *Mineral News*.

#### **B4.2.3.6: Documentation and Expectations**

##### **B4.2.3.6.1: Documentation**

**B4.2.3.6.1.1:** The Board shall maintain a record of the names of all HoF inductees, past and present, in the archives of the FMS and shall ensure that this record is kept current. For each inductee, the citation giving reasons for selection shall be included as part of the record. (Google Drive may be the appropriate medium for archiving this information.)

**B4.2.3.6.1.2:** In consultation with the Selection Committee, the Board shall determine what additional documentation shall be preserved as part of the official HoF archive.

##### **B4.2.3.6.2: Expectations**

**B4.2.3.6.2.1:** Those recently inducted into the FMS HoF are presumably among the most widely connected and most knowledgeable members of the fluorescent mineral community. Moreover, they have a good understanding of the selection process. Therefore, the FMS requests the help of HoF members to identify future HoF candidates and assist them with the nomination process.

**B4.2.3.6.2.2:** For its part, the FMS will grant basic honorary membership for life to each member of the HoF, beginning with the year in which the member is inducted.

#### **B4.2.3.7: Revocation of Membership**

**B4.2.3.7.1:** In the event that the conduct of a member of the FMS HoF is such that it could directly or indirectly bring dishonor, disrespect, or shame to the FMS, the FMS reserves the right to remove the offending member from the HoF.

**B4.2.3.7.2:** Action to revoke the membership of a member of the HoF is initiated by petition to the Board of Directors signed by a minimum of five (5) members of the FMS. To become effective, the petition to remove must be approved by eight (8) or more members of the FMS Board.

**B4.2.3.7.3:** Upon revocation of membership in the HoF, all records, honors, and awards that pertain to said member shall be removed or withdrawn, and notice of this action shall be publicized in FMS media as deemed appropriate by the Board (see B4.2.3.5.3.6 and B4.2.3.6.1).

**B4.2.3.8: Amendments**

Amendments to this policy shall be adopted in accordance with the procedures of Article C12.1.2 of the FMS Constitution.

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