



2012 Hall of Fame Committee Report

Introduction

The Hall of Fame Committee has responsibility for creating selection guidelines for nominees to be inducted into the Hall of Fame pursuant to Board Policy and for carrying out the selection and induction of nominees. The policy creating the Hall of fame was adopted by the Board in Fall 2007. Selection criteria was established by the committee in early 2008 and the first group of inductees admitted to the Hall of Fame at a banquet held in Colorado Springs in January 2009 with inductions also taking place in January 2010 and 2011. There are three separate groups that carry out the functions of the Hall of Fame: The Organizing Committee, which sets up and executes the Induction Ceremony, the Screening Committee, which reviews candidates who are nominated and insures consistency with the criteria for nomination, and the Voting Committee which selects the Inductees from the slate proposed by the Screening Committee.

2011 Accomplishments

- For the third consecutive year, the Hall of Fame induction banquet was a very popular “sell out” celebration, held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs in January 2011.
- On January 15, 2011, we celebrated the induction of Susan Bradley-Cox, Age Grouper; Dave McGillivray and Dave Scott into the Hall of Fame. They join 2009’s inductees: John Gray-Noll, Verne Scott, Sheila Taormina, Karen Smyers and Judy Flannery; and 2010’s inductees: Jim Curl, Carl Thomas, Barb Lindquist, Valerie Silk and Paula Newby-Fraser.
- Following the Third Annual Induction Banquet, the committee set to work to review the selection process used in previous years to insure that it continued to meet our mission of recognizing in a very meaningful way those who have had a “game changing” impact on our sport throughout the years. As a result of deliberations of the committee, the voting procedures were amended to better provide for multiple rounds of voting and eliminating the requirement that votes be cast within each category (Pre-2000 Elites, Post-2000 Elites, Age Groupers and Contributors), but to recognize the very best of those nominated. In addition, a requirement was maintained that a minimum of one age grouper be inducted each year, notwithstanding other changes made to the voting process.
- The committee also sought to deal with the issue of its continuing growth in numbers within the Voting Committee. The resolution adopted by the board stated that membership on the Voting Committee would be the chairs (or designees) of the standing committees, as well as all honorees previously inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ergo, each year, the number of committee members grows, with the number in 2011 reaching 22 members. Several thoughts were considered, however, discussion continued into the 2011 selection process and so no decision was made in time to forward recommendations to the board of directors for modifications to the committee composition.
- The Planning Committee started it’s discussions for the induction to be held in 2012 at a new location. This coming year’s induction will be held in San Diego in May and in conjunction with the ITU race to be held there. A specific venue for the banquet had not been selected at the close of 2011, however, several locations were under consideration.





2012 Goals

- Select a new venue for the Fourth Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet early in 2012 and plan another sell-out celebration.
- The Voting Committee needs to continue and conclude its recommendations to the board of directors for changes to its composition.
- The Nominating/Screening Committee is considering guidelines governing the carrying forward of nominees from prior years who had not been inducted. Until this point, anyone nominated to the Hall of Fame and not inducted, would be automatically carried forward onto the slate of the coming year. While this practice seemed to be a good idea in the first years, the current slate is composed of over 50 nominees.
- Discuss long term planning, including discussing possibilities for a physical home for the Hall of Fame.

Conclusion

Members of the Committee remain very active and committed to establishing practices that assure the highest of standards for our Hall of Fame. It is within this context that the Committee is committed to continually reviewing its procedures and practices. The Committee remains quite proud of the accomplishments made to date and we look forward to continued success in the future.

Respectfully submitted by:
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