

Bridgemen Hall of Fame

Guidelines

“The Bridgemen Hall of Fame” (hereinafter referred to as “HOF”) shall be the official name of this elite organization. For the sake of brevity, all references to the “Bridgemen” shall always mean to include the **Bridgemen, Kidets, Alumni Corps, Alumni Association, and Bridgemen Organization**. The HOF was created by the **Bridgemen Alumni Association** (hereinafter referred to as “BAA”) to honor those who have made a significant impact on the Bridgemen as a member, staff member, administrator, or supporter of the program. These honorees have continually gone above and beyond the call of duty to help advance the Bridgemen both competitively and educationally throughout the years. The Hall of Fame Committee shall govern election to the hall of fame in the following manner:

1. The Hall of Fame Committee

- a. There shall be a Voting Committee. The Voting Committee is the group that will meet to review the nominations and ultimately vote on the nominees for induction into the Hall of Fame.
- b. The President of the Bridgemen Alumni Association shall appoint the chairperson of the Voting Committee
 - i. The chairperson of the Voting Committee shall then appoint members to the committee. Every attempt will be made to include alumni from the different eras of the drum corps which will consist of the following: 2 people for approximately every five (5) years
 1. 1965 – 1969
 2. 1970 – 1975
 3. 1976 – 1980
 4. 1981 – 1987
 5. 2005 –
- c. The President of the Alumni Association, if needed, will hold the tie-breaking vote.

2. Who can be nominated for election to the HOF?

- a. Anyone may be nominated to the HOF, so long as they have spent a minimum of one (1) full year as a member, staff member, administrator, or supporter of the corps.
- b. Nominees may be current alumni corps members who have completed a minimum of three (3) full seasons.
- c. A nominee to the HOF must have inspired members’ lives through teaching, leadership, discipline, guidance, community involvement, etc. It is incumbent upon the individual making the nomination to prove this through a written testimony.

- d. One may not nominate oneself to the HOF.
- e. An individual may be elected to the HOF only once, unless they are nominated as part of a group (e.g. *the 1980 Drum Line*).
- f. One may be nominated for election to the HOF an unlimited amount of times.
- g. Individuals may be nominated and inducted posthumously to the HOF.
- h. Groups, such as an entire section or particular version of the drum corps may be nominated (e.g. the 1980 drum line, etc).

3. How is one nominated for election to the HOF?

- a. Anyone can submit a completed official nomination form to the Hall of Fame Committee. This form will include the nominee's name, year(s) of involvement, and a short description as to why it is felt that the individual should be inducted into the HOF.
 - i. The HOF Committee to request additional information may contact those submitting nominations.
- b. The cutoff date in 2009 for nominations shall be August 15th. The cutoff date in subsequent years will be based on the BAA August membership meeting. All nominations received after this date will be kept on file and counted for the following year.

4. How is one elected to the HOF?

- a. After the due date for all nomination forms, the Hall of Fame Committee will convene and review the nominations. The nomination forms will be read aloud, and there will be discussion regarding the candidates.
 - i. The review committee will include the Hall of Fame Committee.
 - ii. The chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee will run the meeting.
- b. The HOF Committee Chairperson will give the review committee ample time to review the nominations. On a date set by the chairperson, the group will reconvene and vote to determine the new inductees to the HOF.
- c. The vote will be by secret ballot and will be counted by the chairperson, then counted again by an appointed member of the committee.
 - i. Members of the review committee may vote for as many deserving candidates as they see fit.
 - ii. The maximum number of inductees will be twelve (12) per year. See Amendment A.
 - iii. In the HOF's inaugural year of 2009 only, there will be no maximum number of inductees. Because the number of strong, qualified nominees is not known,

the final number of inductees will be at the HOF Committee's discretion. The Committee will always keep in mind that this is an exclusive institution for the best the Bridgemen have to offer.

- d. All nominees who receive at least **70.00%** of the vote will be eligible for induction into the *Bridgemen Hall of Fame*.
 - i. In the event that no nominees receive the required percentage of votes, there simply will not be a class for that particular year.
 - ii. If there are more than twelve (12) nominees still eligible after the initial vote, then there will be an additional round of voting. Only those nominees who received 70% of the initial vote will be entered into this second round. Only those remaining nominees receiving 70% of this second vote will be eligible.
 - iii. If the numbers after the second round is still more than twelve (12), then a third round will be utilized. In the third round voting members will write down their twelve (12) choices on paper giving each choice a point value. Their top choice will receive twelve (12) points; their second choice will receive eleven (11) points, and so on down to their last choice getting a point value of one (1).
 - iv. The points for each nominee are added and the twelve (12) nominees with the most points will be that year's inductees.
- e. The nominees receiving the required votes will be presented to the Alumni community as the inductees for the HOF. This entire voting process must be completed no later than one (1) month before the induction event.

5. Inducting a class into the Hall of Fame

- a. The inductees will be honored at an event established beforehand by the HOF Committee.
- b. The Hall of Fame Committee will contact the inductee(s) (or families, if deceased) and inform them of their election. The inductee(s) will be invited to attend the induction ceremony, and will be given complimentary tickets to the event (the number of tickets will be established beforehand by the Committee).
- c. The Committee will promote the event and will use the names of the inductee(s) in promotional materials, advertisements, articles, etc.
- d. The Hall of Fame Committee will find an individual to give a testimonial speech for each inductee at the event, and the committee will also compile a biography on each inductee.

- e. The names and biographies on all inductees of the HOF will be recorded by the Secretary, and will be published on the official Bridgemen website.
- f. The Committee will award a personal memento and certificate to each inductee.

6. Other

- a. **The Bridgemen Hall of Fame (HOF)**, while governed by its own committee, is an entity of the **Bridgemen Alumni Association (BAA)**. And therefore must uphold the standards and traditions of this organization. .
- b. Amendments to this document may be presented to **the President of the Bridgemen Alumni Association** at any time. Adoption of the amendment requires a 2/3rds vote of the HOF committee.

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Bridgemen Hall of Fame **Amendment A**

To ensure that the Bridgemen Hall of Fame remains an exclusive group, the HOF committee will be **required** to revisit the maximum number of twelve (12) inductees after three (3) years. Before the nomination process begins in the year 2012, the HOF committee will review the number and caliber of HOF members elected to that point and will decide whether the maximum number should be lowered.

The HOF committee in the year 2012 will also draft another amendment for revisiting the maximum number of inductees again. The time limit for revisiting will be based on the first three (3) years of activity.