

**VERMONT STATE USBC OPEN BOWLING  
HALL OF FAME  
ADOPTED MARCH 27, 2010**

**SECTION I.           Name & Purpose**

This organization shall be known as the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame).

The Hall of Fame shall be dedicated to perpetuate the names of the outstanding bowlers and those identified with organized ten pin bowling in Vermont, who, through their competitive skill, high personal standards, and dedicated principles, have enriched the general welfare, spirit, reputation, and progress of the game in the State of Vermont.

**SECTION II.           Organization**

The Hall of Fame is an official function of the Vermont State USBC.

**1.       Hall of Fame Committee**

The Hall of Fame shall be administered and managed by a Hall of Fame Committee.

The committee shall consist of representatives from the following:

- Vermont State USBC
  - Past President
  - President, and
  - Two members of the Board of Directors
- Two members from the Vermont State USBC delegates
- Six members from the Hall of Fame
- Two media representatives (non-voting)

**2.       Officers**

The officers of the Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

**3.       Elections**

Election of officers shall be by majority vote of those committee members present and shall take place at the annual meeting.

#### **4. Committee and Officer Term**

Committee members from the state association will serve a term of one year, all others serve for a two year term.

The term of each officer shall be one year, except the secretary which shall be for a three year term. The term of office begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. Officers are eligible for reelection.

#### **5. Meetings**

An annual meeting shall be held during January. The date, time, and place of the meeting shall be set by the committee secretary.

Special meetings may be called by the committee president and must be called upon written request of three committee members,

#### **6. Quorum**

A quorum at all meetings of the committee shall be a majority of the whole committee.

#### **7. Order of Business**

The order of business of the Hall of Fame Committee shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Reading of Minutes and Financial Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - Hall of Fame Candidate Presentation
  - Credential Review
  - Election of Hall of Fame Nominees
- Election of Officers
  - Discuss and Recommend Funding for Hall of Fame Activities
- Adjourn

#### **8. Ballot**

The ballot shall consist of three categories:

- Bowling Achievement
- Meritorious Service & Proprietors
- Veterans Section

Candidates may be elected into the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall Of Fame each year as follows:

- Two in Bowling Achievement
- Two in Meritorious Service & Proprietors
- One in the Veterans Section

### **SECTION III. Officer and Committee Duties**

#### President

The president shall preside at all meeting of the committee. The vice president will perform this responsibility if the president is not in attendance.

The president shall sign the Hall of Fame funding request prepared by the secretary.

#### Secretary

The secretary shall mail a request to local associations soliciting names of eligible Hall of Fame candidates, along with a statement of their accomplishments (credentials). The request will be distributed in August each year.

The secretary shall verify that submitted credentials of Hall of Fame candidates meet minimum eligibility requirements and are signed by the local association board president and association manager.

The secretary will prepare and mail, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, the ballot and a copy of each nominee's credentials to all those eligible to vote for nominees. If there are no nominees in a given year, a statement of this fact will be mailed to the state association manager.

The secretary shall prepare and, upon receiving approval from the president, send a request for funding Hall of Fame activity to the state association manager.

The secretary will take appropriate action to notify the Vermont State USBC Association Manager, the United States Bowling Congress or succeeding organization, the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, and local news media of election results.

The secretary shall maintain a file of credentials for each Hall of Fame candidate and inductee.

The secretary shall be responsible for all property belonging to the Hall of Fame.

The secretary shall provide at least thirty (30) days written notification of the date, time, and place of the annual meeting or other meetings of the committee.

The secretary shall record and distribute minutes of all committee meetings.

The secretary is authorized to purchase supplies and other items required for official Hall of Fame purposes and required to provide an accounting of all such expenditures to the committee and state association manager.

### Committee

The committee members present at the annual meeting shall cast their ballots before opening all ballots to determine which candidates, if any, have been elected, in accordance with the voting process described in SECTION VII, to the Hall of Fame. If no candidate receives sufficient votes for election on the first ballot then the voting process for subsequent ballots (see SECTION VII) shall be followed.

## **SECTION IV. Candidate Qualifications**

To be eligible for consideration to the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall of Fame, a candidate must have been for a period of fifteen years or more:

- A member of the USBC/ABC adult organization(s) or succeeding organization and in good standing with the local association(s) within the State of Vermont, or
- Identified with organized bowling within the State of Vermont.

Candidates can be living or deceased.

### **1. Bowling Achievement**

A candidate must have an outstanding bowling record in a minimum of ten state association tournaments. A candidate's performance in USBC/ABC sanctioned tournaments may be considered. The candidate's average history, highest ten year composite average, high game, and high series achievements may be considered. To be eligible for this category, a candidate shall have a minimum of one (1) state-level title (either scratch or handicap).

### **2. Meritorious Service & Proprietors**

A candidate must have demonstrated service, devotion, ideas, and ideals over the years. The candidate's contributions and achievements are above and beyond the ordinary to the game of ten pin bowling and outside the framework of competitive bowling. A candidate with a combined fifteen years of service to state and local associations or leagues as an officer, board member, or sponsor, or in other noncompetitive capacities are important characteristics which will be considered.

### **3. Veterans Section**

A candidate under this section will have established credentials more than twenty years prior to the ballot date or has appeared upon five consecutive ballots.

**SECTION V. Candidate Nomination & Submission**

The board of directors of each local association, or an interested party, shall be entitled to submit candidates for nomination to the Hall of Fame. Local associations may annually submit their candidates (in bowling achievement, meritorious service & proprietors, and the veterans section) according to the following formula:

<u>Local Association Size</u>	<u>Number of Candidates</u>
less than 750	2
next 500 or fraction thereof	1
every 500 thereafter or fraction thereof	1

The record of achievement (credentials) of each candidate must be verified by the local association, signed by the association president and association manager, and accompany the submission. The list of candidates and their achievements are to be mailed to the Hall of Fame secretary prior to **December 1<sup>st</sup>** each year.

**1. Nominee and Candidate Carryover**

Nominees who are not elected to the Hall of Fame during their first year on the ballot, and all candidates not appearing on the ballot in the year their file is submitted, shall have their credentials carried forward for two years. The local association board of directors should provide file updates as appropriate.

The files of candidates not elected to the Hall of Fame during the three year consideration period will be returned to the submitting association. A candidate may be re-nominated by the local association board or an interested party.

**SECTION VI. Hall of Fame Election**

The Hall of Fame Committee shall conduct a Hall of Fame election at the annual meeting.

Members of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Hall of Fame are eligible to vote for Hall of Fame nominees. Any eligible voter, unable to attend the annual meeting, may submit an absentee ballot to the president or secretary of the Hall of Fame Committee. (A member of the Hall of Fame Committee who is also a Hall of Fame member may vote only once.)

**SECTION VII. Voting**

The Hall Of Fame Committee and the Hall Of Fame members shall proceed as follows: each eligible voter shall vote for each category on the ballot, based upon the attached synopsis of each candidate, and place a “Yes” or “No” vote next to each candidate’s name. Any candidate that is left blank receives a “No” vote.

The number of ballots for all candidates shall be the total number of eligible voters at the meeting, whether they vote or not, plus the absentee ballots. Voided ballots will not be counted.

In order to be elected to the Hall Of Fame, candidates must receive at least 66% of the “Yes” votes. If only two candidates receive 66% of the “Yes” votes in the Bowling Achievement and Meritorious Service & Proprietors categories, they are elected. If only one candidate receives at least 66% of the “Yes” votes in the Veterans Section, that candidate is elected.

In the case of more than two candidates receiving 66% of the “Yes” votes, a second ballot will be taken of those candidates. The voters will vote for two candidates only and the two with the most votes are elected. In the Veterans Section, the above would be one.

If a nominee, in any category, is not elected on the first ballot, balloting of those eligible to vote and present at the annual meeting will continue for two additional ballots. On each successive ballot the nominee with the lowest point total will be removed from the ballot. If after three ballots no nominee receives the required point total for election there shall be no election for that year for that category.

### **SECTION VIII.     Awards**

Newly elected members of the Hall of Fame shall have their names and a summary of their achievements sent to the United States Bowling Congress or succeeding organization, the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum<sup>1</sup>, and local news media.

Suitable awards and induction ceremonies shall be determined by the Hall of Fame Committee with the approval of the Vermont State USBC Board of Directors and presentations shall be made accordingly.

### **SECTION IX.       Expenses**

The secretary shall receive an annual salary of \$ 100.00.

The expenses for operation of the Hall of Fame shall be borne by the Vermont State USBC.

### **SECTION X.        Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by the Hall of Fame Committee, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting provided the secretary has received the proposed amendment thirty days prior to the meeting. Approved amendments must be submitted prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, to the Vermont State USBC Board of Directors for ratification.

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<sup>1</sup> The International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum recognizes members for performance or meritorious service. Members of the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall of Fame will be reported in one of these categories – questions regarding how to report elected members to the Vermont Hall of Fame will be resolved by the Hall of Fame Committee.