

Silent Order of Aeromodeling by Radio
HALL OF FAME PROGRAM
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ARTICLE I
PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1.01: Purpose

The Silent Order of Aeromodeling by Radio (S.O.A.R.) Hall of Fame recognizes members whose contributions to S.O.A.R. and to model aviation have been outstanding, and have increased the prestige and stature of the club.

Section 1.02: Selection Criteria

Selection is based on the individual's contribution to S.O.A.R. and to model aviation in general as a competitor, designer, experimenter, leader, educator, organizer, contest director, writer, publisher, manufacturer and other related activities. Emphasis is placed on the accumulated contribution in one or more of these categories over a period of years.

Section 1.03: Administration

The S.O.A.R. Hall of Fame program shall be administered by the club Secretary with assistance from the club Treasurer. The Secretary shall receive the Official Biographies of all successful nominees and ensure they are published in the club's November newsletter along with a ballot for induction voting. The Secretary shall also maintain an archive of Official Biographies for all members of the Hall of Fame. The Treasurer shall provide the official list of members in good standing for voting purposes at the time of the October club meeting and make a copy of that list available to the sponsors of all successful nominees.

Section 1.04: Eligibility

Any S.O.A.R. member, past or present, living or deceased, is eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Section 1.05: Costs

All costs associated with the S.O.A.R. Hall of Fame Program, except campaign expenses and costs relating to the creation of an Official Biography, shall be met by the club out of its general treasury.

ARTICLE II NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Section 2.01: Sponsorship

Nomination into the S.O.A.R. Hall of Fame must be made through a sponsor. A member cannot be his or her own sponsor.

Section 2.02: Qualification for Sponsorship

A sponsor must be a member of S.O.A.R. in good standing at the time of nomination and for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding.

Section 2.03: Duties of the Sponsor

- A. Creation of Official Biography:** The sponsor is required to work with the prospective nominee to create a written biography detailing the nominee's qualifications for induction into the Hall of Fame.
- B. Distribution of Official Biography:** The Official Biography must be formally presented during the October club meeting. In the event the nomination is accepted by the membership, the sponsor shall provide the Secretary with a copy of the Official Biography for publication in the club's newsletter and eventual archiving in the event of induction.
- C. Education of Membership:** The sponsor is charged with educating the membership about the nominee's qualifications for nomination and induction in the Hall of Fame through personal contact with the club's members.
- D. Presentation of Nominee:** The sponsor must officially present the prospective nominee for nomination at the October club meeting. The sponsor shall be provided a period of time not to exceed fifteen minutes during that meeting to present the prospective nominee.
- E. Campaigning:** In the event of successful nomination, the sponsor shall promote the nominee's induction into the Hall of Fame and collect absentee ballots from members who cannot vote in person, to the extent allowed under the club's by-laws.

Section 2.04: Time for Nomination

Nominations shall be formally received and voted upon during the October club meeting.

Section 2.05: Voting Requirements for Nomination

Nominations shall be accepted or rejected by the simple majority vote of those members in good standing in attendance at the October club meeting. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman's vote shall be deciding. If the Chairman is not in attendance, the controlling vote shall be that of the Vice-Chairman or other board member serving in his or her absence.

ARTICLE III **INDUCTION PROCEDURE**

Section 3.01: Time for Induction

Voting for a nominee's induction into the S.O.A.R. Hall of Fame shall be done at the same time as the awards ceremony for the S.O.A.R. Achievement Awards Program and no sooner than the December club meeting.

Section 3.02: Voting Requirements for Induction

- A. Method of Voting:** Votes shall be taken in accordance with the terms and procedures provided in the club's by-laws covering voting for election to the Board of Directors.
- B. Minimum Necessary Vote:** Only those members listed in the official list of members in good standing as presented by the Treasurer at the October club meeting shall be eligible to vote for induction into the S.O.A.R. Hall of Fame. Induction shall occur only if the nominee receives votes from a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of those members, and not merely 75% of all votes actually cast. In the event an eligible voting member should formally withdraw from the club or become deceased prior to the induction vote, his or her name shall be withdrawn from the official list.

ARTICLE IV **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Section 4.01: Induction Ceremony

In the event a person is inducted into the S.O.A.R. Hall of Fame, the club shall immediately make plans for a formal induction ceremony, in a manner agreed by simple majority of the members present at the time of induction. The induction ceremony shall be planned to be appropriate for the individual(s) inducted so they may attend with their families, make an acceptance speech and receive a ceremonial plaque or other appropriate memorial of their induction as determined by the membership.