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New Hall of Fame CRITERIA

The criteria requirements are listed below in order of importance and should reflect more positively to candidates who are and have been leaders in the overall running of clubs and the building of our great hobby.

- ✓ Club/GPC participation (must have taken a leadership role for 5 years or more at a club, GPC site coordinator, Executive Committee Member, or similar roles). The nominee should have demonstrated a high level of integrity, selflessness and ethical conduct throughout their history.
- ✓ Generosity of time and seeds and knowledge (must have given freely of his/her time to the betterment of this hobby including public speaking, seed donations and volunteering at any level, organizing events, etc.).
- ✓ Number of awards won during career (must have won 5 local/regional GPC sanctioned events, bonus for regional & world records in any of the GPC categories.
- ✓ Number of years growing (must have been an active grower for at least 10 years documented by entries at GPC weigh-off sites).

To be eligible, a person must meet at least 75% (3 out of 4), of the above criteria.

Nominations that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted.

Scope

Currently all Hall of Fame (HOF) members (both dead and alive) are from 4 Regions:

Pacific Coast (4)
 Great Lakes (4)
 Ontario/East Canada (6)
 Northeast (9)

There are 5 Regions with no HOF representation:

Central (US)
 International
 Plains & Rockies
 South (US)
 Central/West Canada

The GPC Committee feels it is time for changes to allow for a more balanced HOF. There are many growers throughout these Regions around the world that are qualified to be in the Hall. To establish these goals, we need to make changes in both the nomination and voting processes.

- ❖ Nominations for the HOF will be submitted by the Regions. We will be communicating to all clubs who in turn hopefully will communicate with other clubs in their Region to come up with a worthy nominee. Any nomination they submit must come from within that Region.
- ❖ Club presidents will submit the nominee along with a bio to their GPC Regional Committee Rep. If they can't agree on just one, the Committee will accept up to two per Region, but only one will move forward for consideration per region. GPC Reps will both work with and help oversee these nominations in their Regions. This will help ensure the worthiness of these nominations to be on the ballot.
Nominations that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted.
- ❖ HOF members from the nominee's region will be consulted as part of the vetting process.
- ❖ Voting on nomination acceptance and ballots will be done by the GPC Executive Committee with open vote during online GPC meetings.

The Committee feels that all Regions have the right to nominate any grower who they believe is worthy of this great honor, from within their region. The only exception would be current GPC Committee members.

This year the Committee will be seeking to find nominations for well deserving growers from our 5 Regions that have no representation in the HOF.

We feel the 4 candidates in last year's election, Jim Sherwood, John Vincent, Joel Holland, and Don Young, and will be in the running again within the new process.

A Grower Team will be considered as one nomination.

After this year the Committee would like to but not necessarily, induct 2 new members into the HOF per year.

It is recommended the length of BIO's submitted by the regions be no longer than 3 pages. 2 to 3 pages should be ample space to list the grower's attributes for nomination ballot.

The time for receiving nominations will be from October 15 to Nov 15. All voting will be completed in 2-3 weeks and shortly thereafter the winners will be notified.

GPC Committee