

# MADISON USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Madison USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Proprietorship of this organization shall rest with the Board of Directors of the association which shall be responsible for its functions.

## ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVE

This organization shall be dedicated to the recognition of the outstanding bowlers and dedicated servants of the Madison area who through their competitive skills, high personal standards and dedicated principles have enriched the general welfare, spirit, reputation and progress of the sport of tenpin bowling.

## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Madison USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame shall be determined by annual elections.

## ARTICLE 4: GOVERNANCE

Governance of the Hall of Fame shall be by the Hall of Fame Board, which shall consist of:

- A. President and Vice President of the Madison USBC BA.
- B. Nine MBA representatives, preferably current members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the MBA President for terms not to exceed three years.
- C. Nine members in good standing of the Hall of Fame. All shall be elected by a ballot of Hall members to terms not to exceed three years. In order to be able to attend meetings of the Board those elected should reside in the Madison area. If a vacancy occurs, or an elected member is unable to attend any scheduled meeting of the board, the President shall appoint a Hall member to fill in that year or complete the unexpired term.
- D. The President, at his discretion, may appoint up to three members of the media with experience as a bowling writer or members at large.
- E. The Association Manager, who shall be charged with the administration of the Hall, shall be designated as the Hall's Executive Director. Responsibilities shall include receiving nominations, advising nominees of their nominations and to direct that credible information to support possible election and eventual induction into the Hall be sent to the Hall's Director of Research. The Hall Executive Director shall preside over each committee meeting and Board meeting. He will have voice but no vote. Other duties of the Hall Executive Director shall be to conduct the election process, notify those elected, and plan and manage the formal induction ceremonies.

Note: The Director of Research shall, upon receipt from nominees, verify information received to support nominations and conduct further research for information to support and document qualifications. He shall then prepare separate biographical sketches for each nominee and forward them to the Executive Director.

## ARTICLE 5: ANNUAL MEETING

The Executive Director shall schedule an annual meeting of the Hall of Fame Board no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for the purposes of establishing a national ballot and conducting elections in categories not included on the national ballot. Prior to the scheduling of the annual meeting the Executive Director shall schedule meetings of the various committees in order that they may fulfill their charge as committees.

## ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

- A. **Credentials**: This committee shall meet yearly to review and evaluate all nominees of record and ultimately forward their names for consideration by each of the specific committees. It is important that this committee review each nominee in an impartial, unbiased and objective manner. Reasons for withholding nominees would include, but not be limited to, insufficient and/or questionable supporting data, or a lack of competitive strength when compared with other candidates at any given point in time. This committee may also recommend a re-assignment of categories for nominees. Should this occur, the nominee would be contacted to determine whether or not he/she is willing to accept such reassignment. This committee shall consist of FIVE members, at least THREE of which would be Hall of Fame members in good standing, and will be appointed annually by the President.
- B. **Distinguished Performance**: This committee will review the list of nominees received in order to present its proposed slate to the Board. An individual should have established a documented record of outstanding performance in the sport of bowling. Some portion of the candidate's record must have been established as a member of the Madison USBC Bowling Association. Achievements might include but are not be limited to local, state, or national tournament championships; multiple years of awards recognition in high score categories, etc. The most important criteria will be performance above and beyond the ordinary. The committee may present up to five choices for the Board's consideration. The Board, in its annual meeting, shall cast ballots based on these recommendations to establish the national ballot [see ARTICLE 7, Election Procedures]. This committee shall consist of FOUR members of the Hall in good standing, preferably elected in the Distinguished Performance category, TWO members of the association Board of Directors and the president or vice-president.
- C. **Meritorious Service**: This committee shall evaluate candidates who, over the years, have demonstrated service, devotion, ideas, ideals, contributions and milestone achievements above and beyond the ordinary to the game of American tenpins outside the framework of competitive bowling. The committee shall present a slate of candidates to the Board annually for ballot by the Board. Election shall be granted each candidate who receives a minimum of 70% of the votes cast by the Board. This committee shall consist of FOUR members of the Hall in good standing, preferably elected in the Meritorious Service category, TWO members of the association Board of Directors and the president or vice president.
- D. **Veterans**: This committee shall study the records and achievements of any nominee presented for consideration. Individuals whose achievements and/or service to the sport of bowling and to the local, state, or national membership services organizations may have been diminished simply due to the passage of time or overshadowed by more contemporary performers or performances. The committee shall recommend a slate of candidates to the Board annually for ballot by the Board. Election shall be granted each candidate who receives a minimum of 70% of the votes cast by the Board. The committee shall consist of FOUR members of the Hall in good standing, preferably elected in the Veterans category, TWO members of the association Board of Directors and the president or vice president.

Note: Appointments to each of the Distinguished Performance, Meritorious Service and Veterans committees shall be for terms of three years and will be made by the President. Interim appointments of Hall of Fame members will be made by the President until new members are elected by the members of the Hall in good standing.

## **ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL ELECTION PROCEDURES**

An annual ballot shall be conducted by the Hall Executive Director for the purpose of electing a candidate in the Distinguished Performance category. This ballot shall be circulated nationally to the electors with the number of candidates on the ballot to be determined by the Board. The electors shall be the current members of the Hall of Fame in good standing, the members of the MBA Board of Directors and designated members of the media and/or members at large as designated by the President, not to exceed three individuals. Electors will be expected to carefully review the information provided for each candidate on the ballot before voting. Electors may vote yes or no on each candidate on the ballot. Election to the Hall shall be based on a candidate receiving a minimum of 70% of the votes cast. The final ballot will include instructions as to the number of votes allowed according to the following formula: 5 or 4 candidates - up to 3 votes; 3 candidates - up to 2 votes; 2 candidates - up to 2 votes.

### **Second ballot:**

In the event none of the candidates received the required 70% vote on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken provided one or more candidates achieved 60% of the vote. Candidates receiving less than 60% of the votes cast would be dropped from the second ballot. Candidates receiving 70% of the votes on the second ballot shall be elected. If no candidate receives 70% on the second ballot, the candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected provided the candidate received a minimum of two-thirds of the votes cast.

### **Retention of eligibility:**

Nominees who receive no votes from a Hall committee for two consecutive years will be dropped from further consideration. If, in the three most recent elections a candidate failed to earn at least an average of 20% of the total vote the candidate would be removed from consideration. The candidate may be re-nominated at some future point in time. Each review committee shall have the right to cull its list of candidates for good reason so long as a majority vote is achieved.

## **ARTICLE 8: CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. Any prospective member must be at least 45 years of age at the time of nomination. The age limit may be waived in what the Board would unanimously agree are extraordinary circumstances.
- B. A prospective member must have been a member of a certified league in the Madison USBC Bowling Assn or the former membership organization at some time in his/her active career.
- C. A prospective member must have an outstanding record of achievements in performance or service while a member of the Madison USBC Bowling Assn or the former membership organization.
- D. A prospective member can NOT, at any time, have been suspended by the former American Bowling Congress, the former Women's International Bowling Congress, the former Young American Bowling Alliance or United States Bowling Congress.
- E. A prospective member must have bowled in a minimum of ten (10) MBA Championship Tournaments.

Candidates in any category should submit documentation of **all** performance or service achievements yet understanding that achievements in MBA activities will receive priority consideration.

## **ARTICLE 9: NOMINATIONS**

Nominations may be submitted by interested parties, in writing, to the office of the MBA and must be received before April 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration in the current year. The Director of Research may contact those submitting nominations for points of clarification or for additional supporting information. In its Annual Meeting the Hall of Fame Board may consider individuals whose names have not been placed in nomination in the prescribed manner as potentially deserving candidates. Such candidates will be notified by the Executive Director and will be asked to provide information to support their nomination in the usual manner, but cannot be considered until the following year.

## **ARTICLE 10: EMERGENCY**

In the event emergency business of the Hall of Fame requires immediate attention that cannot be handled by a mail ballot an emergency committee shall be charged with the responsibility of acting for and on behalf of the Hall of Fame Board when that body is not in session. This committee shall consist of the following:

1. President of the Madison USBC Bowling Association.
2. Vice President of the Madison USBC Bowling Association.
3. Executive Director of the Hall of Fame.
4. Three members of the Hall of Fame in good standing.
5. Two members of the Madison USBC Bowling Association Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 11: STANDARDS**

This committee shall consist of two members of the Hall of Fame who are members of the Board. They shall be appointed by the President for terms of two years each to serve as official Board representatives to acquaint electees to the Hall with the dignity, aims and purposes of the organization. They shall also acquaint electees with their personal responsibilities and that of the Hall of Fame.

## **ARTICLE 12: INDUCTION**

Those newly elected to the Hall of Fame shall be duly inducted at the annual MBA Hall of Fame Induction and Bowler Recognition Dinner to be held on the Thursday in the second full week in August.

The articles contained in the Constitution of the Madison USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame may be amended by a majority vote of the association Board of Directors. This Board shall pledge to review and consider any proposed amendments to this constitution submitted in writing.

The Hall of Fame Board may also submit, in writing, proposals for amendments to this constitution which are approved by a two-thirds majority of those present at an annual meeting.

Approved and adopted: February 5, 2006

## **CHANGES**

**April 21, 2010**

- 1. Article 6, Committees, Section B, Distinguished Performance**  
**Article 6, Committees, Section C, Meritorious Service**  
**Article 6, Committees, Section D, Veterans**

This committee shall consist of THREE members of the Hall in good standing, preferably elected in the ( category name ), THREE members of the association Board of Directors and the president or vice-president.

### **Changed to**

This committee shall consist of **FOUR** members of the Hall in good standing, preferably elected in the ( category name ) category, **TWO** members of the association Board of Directors and the president or vice-president.

- 2. Article 6, Committees, Section B, Distinguished Performance**

### **Add as second sentence:**

An individual should have established a documented record of outstanding performance above and beyond the ordinary in the sport of bowling. Some portion of the candidate's record must have been established as a member of the Madison USBC Bowling Association. Achievements might include but not be limited to local, state, or national tournament championships and multiple years of awards recognition in high score categories.

- 3. Article 6, Committees, Section D, Veterans**

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