

**HALLS OF EXCELLENCE
BY-LAWS
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I. Purpose of Organization

The purpose of the Bellevue Halls of Excellence is to encourage our current students by recognizing those individuals who have graduated from Bellevue High School or have been teachers or administrators at Bellevue High School and have excelled in their profession and have made exceptional contributions to society.

II. Committee Membership

The initial committee membership of the revised Halls of Excellence committee shall consist of the following:

A. The principal of Bellevue High School

B. Seven Bellevue community members appointed by the Bellevue High School principal.

1. Of the first appointed trustees, two shall be appointed for a one year term, two for a two year term, and three for a three year term.

2. All trustees assuming office after the initial trustees shall be appointed by the remaining trustees for three year terms.

C. In addition to the seven trustees, there shall be up to three advisors appointed annually by the Bellevue High School principal to serve on the committee but whom shall have no vote on the inductees. These advisors must be teachers or administrators of the Bellevue School District at the time of their appointment.

III. Qualifications for Nomination

A. To be eligible for nomination, an individual must have graduated from Bellevue High School a minimum of twenty years prior to the date of nomination or

B. Have been a teacher or administrator for a minimum of ten years in the Bellevue City School System.

III. The Selection Process

A. After 2005, nomination ballots shall be placed in the Bellevue Alumni Association annual mailing and additional copies shall be available to the general public in the principal's office at the Bellevue Senior High School.

B. Nominations will be accepted until October 31st of each year.

C. All nominations will be screened by the committee at its first meeting after October 31st each year.

D. Any nominations received but not selected shall be considered for a period of five years from the date of original nomination.

IV. Number of Inductees

Commencing with the Halls of Excellence Class of 2005, no less than three but no more than five new members may be selected annually for induction.

V. Vacancy on the Committee

Should a vacancy occur on the committee, a replacement member shall be chosen by a majority vote of the remaining committee members.

VI. Quorum

Five (5) voting members of the committee must be in attendance at a meeting to conduct business or to vote for inductee.

VII. Committee Leadership

The committee shall select a chairperson to conduct meetings and a vice-chairperson to act in the chairperson's absence.

The chairperson shall have the responsibility of notifying all members of the committee of the dates and location of meetings.

VIII. Time Line for Committee Action

- A. Month of November – A review of all nominees and an assignment for review of nominees to committee members**
- B. Months of December, January, February and March – Committee discussion of nominees and beginning of organization of the Induction Ceremony. Conduct a first round of voting by committee members. Each voting committee member may vote for up to one half of all those nominated and based upon this first round of voting, the top ten recipients of votes shall be placed on a ballot for a second round of voting.
 - 1. From the list of the top ten, the second round of voting shall result in those three nominees receiving the most votes to be deemed the individuals to be the inductees for that years class.**
 - 2. If there should be a tie during the second round of voting for the top three positions, then a third ballot shall be held by the committee with each member of the committee voting for one of those nominees who were tied in the second round of voting.****
- C. Months March and April**

The committee shall meet as necessary to discuss final plans for the Induction Ceremony.
- D. The presentation of the Halls of Excellence awards and a reception for the new inductees shall be held at the Honors Banquet of the Bellevue Senior High School.**

IX. Awards

- A. An appropriate personal memento shall be given to each of the inductees.**

B. A plaque shall also be given to the Bellevue Senior High School to be displayed in an appropriate manner in the building.

X. Amendments

A. The voting committee membership may propose amendments to these by-laws by making a motion to so amend at any regularly called meeting.

B. After the motion proposing an amendment and any discussion thereon, a vote shall be taken on the amendment and the same shall be adopted if a minimum of two-thirds of the voting membership present vote in favor of the amendment.