

Halls of Excellence

By-Laws

I. Purpose of Organization

The purpose of the Bellevue High School Halls of Excellence is to encourage our current students by recognizing those individuals who have graduated from Bellevue High School or have been teachers and/or administrators in the Bellevue Public School System 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. Principal of Bellevue High School (9th member if BHS graduate)**
- B. Eight Bellevue community members appointed by the Bellevue High School principal, all who must be alumni of Bellevue High School, with the exception of the founder of the Halls of Excellence until his resignation from the “Halls”.**
 - 1. All trustees assuming office after the initial trustees shall be appointed by the remaining trustees and may choose to hold the seat indefinitely until they resign or replaced.**
 - 2. Trustees shall remain in office indefinitely unless they resign or are removed by the majority of the Trustees**

III. Qualification 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 nominator or**
- B. Have been a teacher/administrator for a minimum of ten years in the Bellevue City School system.**

IV. 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 High School, online on the Bellevue High School website or on request from trustees.**
- 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. All nominations received, but not selected, shall be held indefinitely from the date of original nomination**

V. Number of Inductees

Commencing the Halls of Excellence, Class of 2005, a minimum of three but not more than five may be selected annually for induction.

VI. 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.

VII. Quorum

Five (5) voting members of the committee must participate in the selection process of each year's selection of new inductees.

VIII. 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.

IX. Time Line for Committee Actions

- A. November—review all nominations and an assignment for review of nominees to committee members. Decide on the actual number of new inductees (three to five).**
- B. December—by electronic vote (email) and/or mailing each trustee may have three to five votes to cast from the predetermined list selected during the November meeting. Each trustee may not cast more than one vote per nominee. Voting will take place between December 1st -31st. The nominees who gather the most votes will be considered to be part of the new induction class.**
- C. January-April**
Nominees selected and/or family members of deceased selections will be notified and the process to organize the final plans for the awards program.
- D. May**
The BHS Halls of Excellence Weekend will be held annually, the weekend before Memorial Day. New Inductees will address the student body/faculty at Bellevue High School and the appropriate grade(s) as selected by the Middle School principal on Friday. On Saturday, an induction/honoree banquet will be held in their honor.

X. Awards

An appropriate personal memento shall be given to each of the Inductees.