MICROMOUNTERS HALL OF FAME

Criteria for Eligibility and Nomination

PURPOSE To establish and maintain a Micromounters’ Hall of Fame to honor the founders and those who subsequently made outstanding contributions to the hobby of micromounting in the general field of mineralogy.

NUMBERS: There will be a maximum of two candidates elected each year. In rare circumstances, two people (a husband and wife for example) may be elected as one candidate. There will be two types of member: Old Timer, and Modern.

ELIGIBILITY: OLD TIMERS: 1878–1959

A. Founders of micromounting.

B. Outstanding contributors to the development of micromounting including collection and preservation of micromineral specimens, development of mounting and housing, collaboration with others which served to disseminate information valuable to the establishment of, and growth of micromounting.

ELIGIBILITY: MODERN: after 1959

A. Assembly of a worthy and substantial micromount collection and arrangement for its preservation and accessibility for study and viewing by serious micromounters and mineralogists.

B. Author of a regular micromount column in recognized mineral publication(s) over a period of 15 or more years.

C. Founding a micromount symposium that continues regularly (annually) for fifteen or more years.

D. Photomicrography and building a library of micromount slides used regularly for education and pleasure of micromounters and others at micromount symposia, mineral shows, mineral club meetings and informal groups over a period of fifteen or more years.

E. Lectures, demonstrations, micromount slide programs and courses given on a more or less regular basis at micromount symposia, mineral shows, mineral club meetings and similar functions to educate and inform over a period of 15 or more years.

F. Founding a mineral club that has promoted micromounting for twenty or more years.

G. Regular contributions to the health and growth of micromounting over a period of 20 or more years that are comparable in significance to one of items A through F above.

H. In rare cases, a single action that has brought substantial benefit across the spectrum of micromounting may be sufficient for election (see guideline below).

GUIDELINES FOR INTERPRETING ELIGIBILITY:

Factors A to H above are the basic criteria to be considered when a micromounter is chosen for election to the Micromounters’ Hall of Fame. Within them, there are two conditions that are paramount. The first is service to the micromount community at large (though perhaps within geographical limitations), and the second is time. It takes time to develop a lasting reputation—something well recognized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame in their criteria.

A. “Worthy and substantial” do not necessarily imply size. A collection of 500 mounts of superb specimens from a single location may be more worthy than a collection of 5,000 run-of-the-mill specimens. The prime considerations should be scientific value and accessibility.

B. The question of what is a “recognized mineral publication” should be considered. Publication in a professional journal such as the *American Mineralogis*t or *Mineralogical Record* is a plus. Publication in a club newsletter calls for quality interpretation on the part of the Board.

C. Is self-explanatory.

D. There is a certain overlap with factor E, but it is possible that photomicrographs may be taken by a candidate who is not a lecturer. They could be used in publications, museums, displays, or made available to others who can use them in lectures. Again, the critical consideration is how much the product is of use to others.

E. There is an overlap with D, above, but essentially the factor is self-explanatory. It is likely that most candidates will be nominated with this factor as a primary consideration.2

F. Is self-explanatory.

G. This is a catch-all factor requiring careful thought. What is the contribution, and how much service has it been to others?

H. H is again self-explanatory, but it has the added consideration that it is the only factor not limited by time. Examples might be the creation of a tool used by a large proportion of the community (*viz* the Yost trimmer), or publication of a book (such as that of Milton Speckels).

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for election to the Micromounters’ Hall of Fame may be made by anyone, but must be accompanied by a full explanation of how well the candidate fits the eligibility factors listed above. Supporting documentation may be required. Endorsement by a current member of the Micromounters’ Hall of Fame may be an asset, but is not required. Nominations should be sent to the Coordinator of the Micromounters’ Hall of Fame specified by the Baltimore Mineral Society. The current Coordinator is Quintin Wight, 525 Fielding Drive, Ottawa, ON, Canada, K1V 7G7, e-mail: qwight@sympatico.ca.

ELECTION: Nominations received by May 1st are coordinated and forwarded by the Coordinator to the Executive Board of the Baltimore Mineral Society for consideration at their annual meeting in June. When the Board has selected one or two candidates, the names are returned to the Coordinator, who then forwards them (in confidence) to all current members of the Hall of Fame with a request for validation by August 30th. Because the selection has been made on the basis of submitted evidence, current members cannot challenge a candidate’s qualifications unless there is new or corrected evidence, including hitherto unknown or undisclosed ethical or behavioral grounds. If there are no objections, the names are announced at the following Paul Desautels Memorial Micromount Symposium, and published in *Rocks & Minerals*.

INDUCTION: Formal induction to the Hall of Fame will be carried out in the year following a candidate’s election. The induction ceremony should be conducted by a current member of the Hall of Fame

MEMORABILIA: Hall of Fame members are encouraged to donate memorabilia reflecting the accomplishments that led to their election. Such memorabilia will become the property of the Baltimore Mineral Society. At the discretion of the Society, selected items may be exhibited during micromount symposia. The symposia may be those sponsored by the Society, or by others in the form of a travelling display. Again at the discretion of the Society, donated items deemed to be duplicates or not of sufficient reference to micromounting may be disposed of by sale or further donation.