

The New York State Association of Mathematics Supervisors Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame

To Educators & Members of the Mathematical Community:

The New York State Association of Mathematics Supervisors is creating a new mechanism which would serve the dual purpose of highlighting and promoting the crucial role of mathematics in our society and honoring in a very public manner those New York State educators who have made an exceptional contribution to mathematics education. The honor accorded would have both an immediate and a perpetual component.

The educators so honored will be those who have demonstrated in concrete ways that they are fully aware of the importance of mathematics as a problem-solving tool and how heavily our world relies on the discipline to effect progress, advance knowledge in other areas and, in general, increase the quality of people's lives. These individuals have very likely already been recognized for their work in various settings. Those being recognized may be current, retired or deceased educators. Induction into the NYSAMS Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame is intended to be among the most highly prized honors and thus, a pinnacle accomplishment as well.

There are two recognition prerequisites:

- (1) The educator has been involved in mathematics education in New York State for a minimum of 20 years. An exception to this prerequisite can be made in the case of an untimely death of an otherwise very worthy individual.**
- (2) The educator has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of mathematics education in New York State.**

In addition to the prerequisites above, other questions that need to be addressed in assessing the worthiness of a candidate for the Hall of Fame are:

- a. how active is (was) the educator within the mathematical community?**
- b. can (did) professional mathematics organizations count on the educator with respect to services rendered like sitting on and/or chairing a committee, or presenting a workshop, or being a keynote speaker?**
- c. does (did) the educator have a prized reputation within his/her usual workplace community and beyond?**
- d. can the educator be cited for at least one special contribution to the advancement of the cause of mathematics?**
- e. Is the educator sought out as a consultant by colleagues?**
- f. has the educator been the recipient of any special honors and which organizations accorded him/her such honors?**
- g. has the educator had a long-term impact on students and/or teachers?**

Potential candidates for induction do not have to meet each one of the criteria listed above to the same extent. The decision regarding favorability for induction will be made by a selection committee and based upon the strength of the recommendation of the nominator.

Keep in mind that the mathematics educators who fit the description outlined above are those whose sphere of influence has gone far beyond their usual workplace and whose contribution to mathematics education is widely known, at least among New Yorkers. In other words, these individuals have a rather high profile and the mere mention of their name usually evokes a reasonably high level of familiarity within the active mathematical community.

If you know of any such individual, whether actively employed, retired, or deceased, whom you feel might meet the test of a Hall of Fame candidacy, please submit a nomination on the enclosed form. The deadline for submissions in 2008 is April 15, 2008. The first induction ceremony is scheduled for September 2008 at a dinner the evening before the Annual Fall Leadership Summit.

NOMINATION FORM

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Please record all information asked for. If a requested piece of information does not apply to you or the nominee, please write **N/A** for **NOT APPLICABLE**. In the case of a nominee who is deceased, please so indicate and give information on a family member who will be notified about the nomination.

INFORMATION ON NOMINEE (CANDIDATE FOR CONSIDERATION)

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Workplace Address _____

Workplace Telephone Number _____

e-mail address _____

INFORMATION ON NOMINATING ORGANIZATION

Name of Organization _____

Name of Official Representative of Organization _____

Title _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone Number _____

e-mail address _____

Keeping in mind the recognition prerequisites and the induction criteria, please submit a letter of recommendation in narrative form and with a maximum of two pages, preferably computer-generated, though not required, detailing why your nominee should be considered for induction into the New York State Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame. This recommendation letter ***must*** include a summary paragraph that states why you feel this person should be acknowledged as an exemplary leader in mathematics education in New York State. Be sure to include this nomination form with your letter of recommendation. Send all pertinent pieces of information by March 1, 2008 to:

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