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Award for Excellence in Museum Practices: Individual Contribution

Description

Each year, individuals throughout Nova Scotia make significant contributions within the museum field. This award honours an individual who has gone above and beyond to foster a better understanding of human and natural heritage through exemplary contributions in museum practices.

Eligibility

Eligible nominees are individuals, volunteer or paid, seasonal or full time, who have made remarkable contributions to a better knowledge of Nova Scotia's human or natural history through excellence in museum practices.

The award is conferred on accomplishments occurring between June 1 of the previous year and June 1 of the current year.

Individuals may not receive an award more than once in three years.

Nominations may include innovative exhibits, interpretation, presentation and visitor experience programs; contributions that demonstrate positive outcomes in Nova Scotia communities; implementation of new approaches in collections and information management; positive changes to physical facilities; successful practices in the areas of governance, administration, management and human resources; or, creative or collaborative marketing efforts.

Nominees are considered on the basis of the quality of their contributions to best practices in the research, presentation, preservation, interpretation and promotion of Nova Scotia's human and natural history, and impact of their work in fostering a better understanding of our human and natural history.

Individual nominations will not be considered more than three times.

Members of the Awards Committee or their affiliated institutions are not eligible.

Nominator

Any individual member or member organization may make a nomination.

Selection Criteria

This award is given for an achievement that:

- meets the eligibility requirements listed above
- is of community, provincial or national significance/relevance
- exceeds the current standard of museum practice
- demonstrates excellence in museum practices with new ideas, concepts, approaches, creativity and leadership
- advances a vision for the future of museums in Nova Scotia
- fosters a better understanding of Nova Scotia's natural history and/or past

- is of significance to other museums in the presentation of Nova Scotia's natural and human history
- makes effective use of available resources
- is accomplished in the museum field in Nova Scotia

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will review nominations and make a recommendation to the Board of the Association of Nova Scotia Museums.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to not recommend an award recipient in a given year if nominees do not meet eligibility and selection requirements.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented annually in conjunction with the Association of Nova Scotia Museums Conference or Annual General Meeting.

The award recipient will be recognized throughout Nova Scotia using local media, the Beacon newsletter, the Association of Nova Scotia Museums web site and social media.

The recipient will receive a commemorative award and their name will be added to the Award Plaque housed at the ANSM Office.

Submissions Guidelines

Nominations must include the following documentation:

Completed Nomination Form signed by the Nominator. Nomination forms are available from the ANSM website www.ansm.ns.ca.

Nomination statement (from the nominator) that describes the nominee's achievement, details the nominee's accomplishment as an outstanding achievement and how it meets the selection criteria (max. 3 pages)

Biography or resume of nominee (max. 2 pages), and photo (head and shoulders, 300 dpi)

Two letters of support from members of the museum community or partners in the project

Relevant material such as CDs, DVDs, slides, websites, audio, podcasts, photographs, digital images, publications, local news coverage, press releases, magazine clippings, interviews, reviews, audience surveys, letters from visitors, critical testimonies from professionals (max. of 3 items/5 pages).

Please be advised that materials submitted will not be returned. One copy of printed materials is required.

Incomplete nomination applications will NOT be considered.

Submission Information

- Submit the completed nomination form and documentation to director@ansm.ns.ca or by mail:

Association of Nova Scotia
Museums Attn: Awards
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