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Award for Excellence in Museum Practices: Individual Contribution

Description

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

Eligibility

- Eligible nominees are individuals, volunteer or paid, who have made remarkable contributions to a better knowledge of Nova Scotia's human or natural history through exemplary museum practices. Nominees may be currently active as an employee or volunteer, or they may be recently retired within 12 months preceding the nomination.
- The award is conferred on all accomplishments of the nominee to date.
- 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; 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 past.
- 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 ANSM 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 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 chair of the Board of the Association of Nova Scotia Museums.

The Awards Committee reserves the right not to issue an award 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 and Annual General Meeting.

The award recipient will be promoted 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 a framed certificate.

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. Go to About/ ANSM Information/Awards.
- Nomination statement (from the nominator) that describes the nominee's achievement, details what makes the nominee's accomplishment 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, 300dpi)
- Two letters of support from members of the museum community or project partners
- Relevant material such as links to websites, audio and video clips, 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 all submitted material will not be returned. One copy of printed materials is required.

Submission Information

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

Association of Nova Scotia Museums
 Attn: Awards Committee
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 Halifax, NS B3H 4P7