



British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Award Selection Criteria

This document identified the selection criteria for five awards—Hall of Fame, Best Anglo-Celtic Roots Article, and three Best Talks by Members.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame, the longest running award, honours members for their contributions to family history research and genealogy. Winners have reflected a wide range of contributions.

Nominations to the Hall of Fame are accepted annually, and awards are made during BIFHSGO's Annual General Meeting in June. Current members of the Board are not eligible for nomination.

Criteria include:

- The advancement of BIFHSGO objectives
- The advancement of BIFHSGO projects or activities; e.g., publishing, educational programs
- Outstanding service to the Society over a period of time
- The advancement of genealogy and family history in general

The nomination period ends 30 April. For more information, please contact secretary@bifhsgo.ca.

Best Anglo-Celtic Roots Article

Eligible articles are those published in the calendar year and written by members of BIFHSGO. These include the soldier's biographies written originally for the CCCS database.

Criteria include:

- Interest and impact of the topic (30%)
- Quality of the language: freshness, originality (30%)
- Organization/presentation of thought (25%)
- Use of varied sources and care taken with facts (15%)

These categories were chosen to reflect what are generally considered the major aspects of good writing, bearing in mind that the articles have already been copyedited and are considered to support the BIFHSGO mandate.



Each judge assesses every article giving a point score to each component listed above. The scores are then totalled to arrive at three top choices, eliminating any ties that may have occurred through reassessment. The editor assigns 3 points for every first place, 2 points for every second place and 1 point for every third place. The totals of those points for each article determines the winner.

For more information, please contact the ACR editor at acreditor@bifhsgo.ca.

Best Talks by Members

Three awards will be given annually to Society members who have presented outstanding talks at the Saturday monthly meetings during the program year running September through June. One award will be given in each of the following categories:

- Best Education Session
- Best Feature Presentation
- Best Great Moment

Criteria for selecting the best member talks:

- Advanced the objectives of the society:
 - a. Information on resources and/or techniques
 - b. Demonstration of genealogical research findings and successes, showing how to conduct the research and preserve the findings.
 - c. Focus on at least one of the following: Canadian or British Isles family or social history.
- Content: presentation was coherent, clear, and well organized
- Visual material: slides were appealing, and both illustrated and supplemented the narrative.
- The presentation encouraged, inspired and/or motivated you in your own research.

BIFHSGO members will have the opportunity to vote for the best presentations through online surveys which will be forwarded as follows:

- December
 - Best Feature Presentation from September to November
 - Best Education Session from September to November
 - Best Great Moment in December
- May
 - Best Feature Presentation from January to May
 - Best Education Session from January to May
- June
 - Best Great Moment in June



The secretary will compile the results of the surveys applicable to the program year and make a report to the Board of Directors at the June and September Board Meetings for their consideration and decision.

The Education Session and Feature Presentation awards will be presented by the President at the Annual General Meeting. The Great Moment award will be presented by the President at the monthly meeting in September.

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