



British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Award Selection Criteria

This document identified the selection criteria for three awards—Hall of Fame, Best Anglo-Celtic Roots Article and Best Talk by a Member.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame, the longest running award, honours members for their contributions to family history research and genealogy. Winners [PDF] 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 Talk by a Member

This award is given to a BIFHSGO member who has presented a talk at BIFHSGO's monthly Saturday meeting that best supports the Society's objectives.

Criteria include:

- Advancement of the objectives of the Society; e.g., providing information on research resources and techniques, genealogical research findings, publishing, etc.
- Coherence, clarity and organization of the presentation
- Audibility of the presentation
- Relevance and legibility of visual material
- Adherence to the time limit
- Overall reaction to the presentation

The ballot form is available annually at the May meeting. Completed ballots are submitted to the Secretary of the Society either immediately after the May meeting or during the following week. The Secretary compiles the results and reports to the Board of Directors at, or prior to, the June Board meeting for their consideration and decision. The award is presented at the Annual General Meeting in June, (or another suitable occasion) by the President.

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