

Statement of Purpose

The NAPT Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor NAPT members and other individuals who have made outstanding, unique, lasting and extraordinary contributions to the Association or the school transportation industry and who, by virtue of those contributions, are considered to be among the industry's pantheon of leaders.

Criteria for Induction

Induction into the NAPT Hall of Fame is the highest honor NAPT can bestow. Potential members of the Hall of Fame will therefore be evaluated, at a minimum, by the following criteria:

Personal Contributions

Has the nominee made an extraordinary commitment of time, energy or money to support NAPT and/or the school transportation industry?

Eminence

Have his or her achievements in communication, leadership, education, advocacy, or research distinguished the nominee from his or her contemporaries?

Influence

Has the nominee's influence been of major significance to NAPT and/or the pupil transportation industry even though it may have been confined largely to a single field of specialization (e.g., engineering, sales, training, etc.)?

Permanence

Is it probable that the nominee's accomplishments will continue to be valued by pupil transportation leaders of the future? How likely it is that future generations of American school transportation professionals will consider the nominee's contributions noteworthy?

Eligibility Guidelines

In order for an individual to be eligible for the NAPT Hall of Fame, she/he must have been an active individual or business partner individual member of NAPT (as defined by the NAPT by-laws) at the time of his/her major contributions to the pupil transportation industry.

If an individual was not an active individual or business partner individual member of NAPT (as defined by the NAPT by-laws) at the time of his/her major contributions to the pupil transportation industry, the individual must have been employed in a local, state, or other pupil transportation industry occupation where her/his major contribution and/or service had a significant impact on the pupil transportation industry as a whole and not just in one state.

Although induction into the NAPT Hall of Fame is intended to be a special honor to living persons rather than a memorial to those who have passed away, the award may be given posthumously to an individual deemed worthy by the selection committee provided that he/she meets the above criteria.

Current members of the NAPT Board are not eligible for induction. If a member is nominated, he or she will be notified and given the opportunity to resign. In the event of a resignation any remaining term of office will be completed by an appointee selected in accordance with the NAPT by-laws.

Procedures for Selection of Inductees

Nominations

Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the deadline for nominations is August 15th of each year.

Individuals and organizations may only nominate one (1) individual per year.

Each and every NAPT Hall of Fame nomination must be accompanied at a minimum by the following information:

1. Biographical sketch – a short summary of information about the nominee's professional experience, civic activities, career highlights, family background, years of service in the pupil transportation field, etc.
2. Major accomplishments - a summary description of the candidate's major accomplishment(s) in pupil transportation.
3. Activities and contributions - specific activities perceived as significant in promoting safety issues for pupil transportation.
4. Service/Organizations - list of service and leadership provided to one or more safety organizations (i.e., serving as officers or board member, committee chair, executive director, etc.)
5. Photographs – Must include one (1) black and white, head shot (front view) shoulder up (image of face must be clear and free of shadows); minimum size 5" x 7" – professional photos preferred.

Please Note: All of the items listed above **MUST** be attached (on separate sheets of paper) or the application will not be accepted.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted directly to NAPT headquarters. Only nominations submitted on the official nomination form will be accepted for review. NAPT staff will review nominations for completeness and submit them directly to the Screening Committee. Incomplete nominations or nominations that do not follow these guidelines will be returned to the submitter. All submissions are kept confidential; the nominee is not notified of her/his nomination.

Screening of Nominations

Every nomination to the Hall of Fame will be reviewed by a Screening Committee to determine whether the nominee meets the eligibility guidelines and the nomination sufficiently and effectively documents the Criteria for Induction.

All nominations should be confidential; the nominee should not be advised of the application submitted on his/her behalf. If the Screening Committee has evidence that a nomination is not confidential, it may be rejected for that reason alone.

The Screening Committee may solicit additional materials or information, if needed, from the nominator or from other sources. Any member of the Screening Committee who believes that important and relevant information is missing from the curriculum vitae of a nominee may submit that information to the Chairperson for consideration in a subsequent balloting cycle.

Every nomination receiving five or more favorable votes from the Screening Committee will be forwarded to the Selection Committee.

Every nominee in the candidate pool receiving three votes or more will remain in the pool of candidates for the next year. However, a nominee who fails to receive at least three votes in two consecutive screenings will be dropped from the pool. Any nominee dropped from the pool may be renominated after a 2-year hiatus.

Hall of Fame Screening Committee

The following seven individuals will serve on the NAPT Hall of Fame Screening Committee:

- Three members of the NAPT Hall of Fame. The members' names will be drawn at random by the NAPT President from members who agree to serve on the Screening Committee. If there are less than five members of the Hall of Fame available for judging, former Presidents of NAPT may be selected by the current NAPT President to complete the three judge Hall of Fame panel;
- Immediate Past President of NAPT;
- NAPT's Affiliate Member Director; and
- Two Active Individual NAPT members (as defined by the NAPT by-laws) appointed by the NAPT President.

The term of appointment will be for two years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms up to total of 10 years.

Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee will be one of the three members of the NAPT Hall of Fame and will be elected by majority vote of the Committee. The term of appointment will be for two years.

Hall of Fame Selection

Every nomination to the Hall of Fame that is approved by the Screening Committee will be sent to the NAPT Hall of Fame Selection Committee for its consideration. The Selection Committee shall be Chaired by the NAPT President-elect and comprised of each of the NAPT Regional Directors.

The committee shall vote by secret ballot on each nomination that comes before it. Results of voting shall be kept confidential among the committee. A minimum of five (5) affirmative votes is needed for induction.

Every nominee in the candidate pool receiving three votes or more will remain in the pool of candidates for the next year. However, a nominee who fails to receive at least three votes in each of two consecutive years will be dropped from the pool. Any nominee dropped from the pool may be re-nominated after a 2-year hiatus.

Two (2) nominees are the maximum that may be selected each year without waiver by the NAPT Board of Directors. The person(s) selected for the Hall of Fame will be announced prior to the annual meeting of the association each year but no later than September 30th.

Announcement of Inductees and Induction Ceremony

The inductee(s) (or their families, as appropriate) will be notified personally by the President of NAPT or her/his designee. The name(s) of the honoree(s) will not be publicly announced unless and until each inductee (or his/her family, as appropriate) has been notified. A letter, signed by the President of NAPT will be sent to the submitters of nominations not selected

advising them of the status of the application and related next steps. The nominee will not be notified so the nomination remains confidential.

Induction Ceremony

The induction ceremony will be held during the NAPT annual meeting. The inductee(s) and their families will be informed by NAPT staff of the procedures for the ceremony and invited to participate in the ceremony. If any inductee is unable to attend, he/she may designate a representative to accept the award on his/her behalf.

Awards

Awards to inductees will consist of the following:

1. Active individual membership for life.
2. Lifetime exemption from annual conference registration.
3. Customized plaque.
4. Travel expenses (including airfare, car rental, hotel, meals and conference registration) to the NAPT annual conference at which the induction ceremony takes place.