



The Sacramento Blues Society Hall of Fame Guidelines (SBS-HOF)

SBS-HOF Mission Statement and Purpose

- Document the history of local blues music.
- Enhance and celebrate the existing blues music environment.
- To honor those who have made significant contributions to the Blues in the Sacramento region.

Inductee Criteria

To be considered for the SBS-HOF, nominees must have Blues as the primary format or music style, at least a 20-year history of Blues participation, made a historical contribution and had an impact and overall influence on Blues in the Sacramento region, as determined by the SBS-HOF Selection Panel.

The Hall of Fame Committee may add, amend or eliminate categories. Current categories with some examples are:

- **Performer(s)** This lifetime achievement award is for an individual artist, duo, trio or a band.
- **Blues Supporter(s) (Non-Performer)** This includes but is not limited to agents, broadcasters (radio or television), historians, media outlets, music stores, promoters, radio stations, sponsors, teachers/educators, venues, and other industry professionals.

Nominations and Submissions

- All SBS members are eligible to submit nominations.
- No one may nominate themselves or their own "work".
- One may be nominated and inducted posthumously in each category.
- Nominees may be nominated for each category.
- Nominees are required to be or have been members of the SBS.

*For the year 2009, nominations can be submitted to SBS Board Members. For all nominations from 2010 on, the nominations and the supporting documentation must be received or postmarked between **March 1 and September 15** of the current year. These will then be considered for that year's SBS-HOF Induction in December. The official nomination form will be available at <http://www.sacblues.com> and be printed, filled out and sent by regular mail to SBS, P.O. Box 60580, Sacramento, CA 95860-0580. Supporting documentation and photos may be submitted by email or regular mail.*

Nomination forms will include the nominator's name, address, phone number, email and relationship to the nominee(s) on the form, along with the:

- Name of nominee(s).
- Nominee's current address, phone number, email, and/or website. If the nominee is deceased, the name, address and phone number of a family member.
- Category or categories of nomination.
- A description of the nominee and reason for your nomination
- When nominating a performer, if possible, provide one or more photos (preferably in .jpeg or .tiff format, minimum 300 dpi).

The Hall of Fame Committee

The Committee shall be comprised of volunteer members of SBS and subject to approval by the SBS Board. An SBS Board member shall be liaison to the SBS Board on Committee affairs. The board member may, or may not, be a member of the committee. The SBS President shall designate one member as Chair. Committee members must be members of SBS. The Committee shall conduct all its activities in accordance with SBS bylaws and in keeping with the SBS Mission Statement. In the event that a Committee member is nominated for the SBS-HOF, or a conflict of interest occurs, they must either step down from the Committee or request their name be withdrawn from nomination.

Committee Duties

1. Prepare the nomination form for publication.
2. Solicit and screen SBS-HOF nominations.
 - a. Verify nominee qualifications
 - b. Nominations will be screened by the Committee as they are received. After the closing date for accepting nominations and the initial screening process is complete, the Committee will convene to review all nominations to ensure they meet the requirements for induction.
3. Rank and recommend not less than three (3) and no more than five (5) in each category, contact nominees to verify participation, and prepare a list for the Selection Panel.
4. Declare SBS-HOF winning inductees.
 - a. Notify inductees and their nominees with formal congratulatory letter.
 - b. Prepare a press release announcing the result

Hall of Fame Selection Panel

The Selection Panel shall consist of 3 judges as determined by the Hall of Fame Committee:

- Charter Member
- Business/Venue Member
- Promoter

The Selection shall be conducted in closed Committee meeting(s) and no public explanation of the specific deliberations is required nor shall be given.

Factors entering into the selection include, but are not limited to:

- The age and health of the nominee.
- Consideration of the degree of impact or specific contributions that the nominee has made to the Blues in the Sacramento region.
- General awareness of the nominee in the Sacramento Blues community

The Panel may seek advice or additional information from music professionals outside the Panel to assist in making their selections. If necessary, the SBS Board may also be consulted, however, no Board member who is nominated for SBS-HOF may participate in discussions pertaining to a category in which they are nominated.

After the three (3) selected nominees of each category has been agreed upon, nominees for consideration will be contacted and asked if they desire to be inducted and are willing to participate in the ceremony. They will be asked to verify information. At a later date, a request may be made for more information/photos to be included for the ceremony.

Nominees may request that their names be excluded from the ballot. The request should be made in writing, signed and dated. If some nominees do not want to participate, the Selection Committee may replace those nominees with others who do want to participate.

Once the list of three has been determined, it will be delivered to the SBS Board for selection for winners of that current year. The list will be presented in order of the most qualified candidate at the top, to the least qualified candidate last, in the Selection Panel's judgment.

Voting Process

Induction is determined by the SBS Board based on the list provided by the Selection Panel. A motion to consider these candidates will be carried, followed by discussion. A vote will take place with the winner having received the majority of Board votes cast. One inductee for each category will be proclaimed winner. Each SBS Board Member will cast one vote for each category.

In the event of a tie, the SBS Board will vote for the winner in a closed meeting.

Policy Review

This policy shall be subject to an annual review by the Committee and/or Board to ensure that the SBS-HOF voting process remains fair and consistent with the SBS Mission Statement.