

The Sacramento Blues Society Hall of Fame Guidelines 2019

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 a significant contributions to the Blues in the Sacramento region.

Inductee Criteria

To be considered for the SBS-HOF, nominees must have Blues as their 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 Committee. Nominees are not required to be an SBS member.

Nominations and Submissions

- *All nominations will be accepted.
- *No one may nominate themselves or their own “work”.

Nominations can be submitted year-round, but only nominations received by June 1st of the current year will be considered for the upcoming HOF. These will be considered for that year’s SBS-HOF Induction Ceremony in September. The official nomination form is available at <http://www.sacblues.com>, and can be submitted electronically on the website or can be printed and mailed to SBS, P.O. Box 60580, Sacramento, CA. 95860-0580. **They may also hand printed form to any SBS Board Member.**

Nomination forms must include, the name and email address of the individual making the nomination (as they may be contacted if necessary) and the Nominees name and basis for the information.

The Hall of Fame Committee

The Committee shall be comprised of volunteer members of SBS. An SBS Board Member shall be liaison to the SBS Board on Committee affairs. The SBS President shall designate one member as the Chair. Committee members must be SBS members. The Committee shall conduct all its activities in accordance with the SBS Mission Statement. In the event a Committee Member is Nominated for the SBS – HOF, they may not participate in the Voting process.

Committee Duties

1. Prepare the nomination form for publication.
2. Solicit and screen SBS-HOF nominations.
 - a. Verify nominee qualifications.
 - b. After the closing date for accepting nominations, a committee meeting will be called by the Chair and the ballots will be screened and discussed by the Committee. Due to the volume of nominations, any other meetings prior to closing date may be deemed necessary by the Committee Chair.
3. The Committee will then recommend up to five (5) nominees and then present the nominees to the SBS Board. The Committee may seek advice or additional information from music professionals outside the Committee to assist in making their selections. If necessary, the SBS Board may also be consulted.
4. Once the Board approves the nominees, the Committee Chair will contact the nominees to notify and verify participation.
5. The Committee Chair will then prepare a press release announcing the results and send a congratulatory letter to the Inductees.

Voting Process

Induction of each nominee is determined by the SBS Board based on the list provided by the Committee and Robert's Rules of Order. Once the Board approves the HOF Nominees, it is the responsibility of the Committee Chair to update the plaque at the Torch Club and prepare the Award to be presented at the HOF Awards Ceremony at the September Hall of Fame Induction Party.

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. The Inductee Selection shall be conducted in a closed Committee/Board meeting and no public explanation of specific deliberations is required nor shall be given.