

ABF PRESIDENT'S AWARD

At the 1997 ABF Convention a resolution was passed to authorize development of a program for recognizing at each annual convention one ABF member who had made "outstanding and significant contributions to the leadership of the ABF and the U.S. beekeeping and honey industry." As directed by the resolution, the ABF Planning and Policy Committee developed the selection program as follows:

Selection Committee

The committee will consist of these persons, who will serve as long as they hold their offices:

- The ABF President
- The President of the ABF Auxiliary
- The ABF Executive Director - in advisory capacity only, non-voting

Following each annual convention, the ABF President will name these committee members, as necessary:

- One member of the ABF Board of Directors
- An ABF past president
- One ABF member at-large, representing the research and/or scientific community
- Up to 3 additional members, as the President sees fit.

Once appointed, committee members will serve terms of 2 years, and a maximum of 2 terms, except that the ABF President, the ABF Auxiliary President, and the ABF Executive Director serve as long as they hold the offices they represent on the committee. These ex-officio members may be appointed as general members once they leave their offices.

Nominations Procedure

Each committee member may nominate one person for the annual selection. The nominations will be made at least 90 days prior to the annual convention on standardized forms supplied for this purpose. After receiving all the nominations, the ABF Executive Director will circulate the nominations forms to all committee members along with a ballot. If no nominee wins a majority of the votes, a conference call among all committee members will be arranged for discussion and final selection.

The appointment of the committee members and their nomination process are to be kept confidential to avoid prejudicing the process and to preserve the sense of surprise at the revelation of the honoree at the annual banquet.

Nomination Criteria

- Nominations should be based on contribution or service to the industry, including outstanding leadership of industry organizations, programs, and/or activities. Those programs or activities could involve legislative efforts on behalf of the industry, research contributions, or service to the industry through a position in an allied field of agri-business. The nominee should be, or should have been in the past, dedicated to the success of the industry as a whole and should reflect the professional ability to be deserving of the award.
- A nominee must have been an ABF member for at least 10 years, consecutively, and must be a current member if still active in the bee and honey industry.
- The award may be presented posthumously, but not more often than once in a 5-year period.
- ABF officers, ABF Executive Committee members, and members of the awards committee are not eligible for nomination while serving in office.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented at the annual banquet and will be marked by a commemorative plaque. Honorees will be suitably recognized in the ABF Newsletter and the Convention Guidebook.

(Revised for 2001 to account for new ABF structure)