



Pasadena Lapidary Society

Nomination and Selection criteria for Rockhound Of The Year and Junior Rockhound Of The Year

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BACKGROUND

The Rockhound Of The Year (ROTY) and the Junior Rockhound Of The Year (JROTY - ages 8 though 17) are persons whose contribution has been of significant value to the Society. It is the intent of the Society to recognize one or more of its members annually for each category.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Any member of the Pasadena Lapidary Society can be nominated for this honor. The nomination form is available on the web site.

Criteria:

- The nominee is expected to be an individual. If a married couple's contribution to the Society in the year or years under consideration warrant the awarding of a joint honor, they may be considered jointly for nomination.
- Nominees shall have exhibited extraordinary service, achievements and activities that advance the Mission Statement of the Pasadena Lapidary Society.
- Consideration will be given to the nominee's spirit of cooperation with both organizations and individuals.
- The award will not be given posthumously.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Persons wishing to nominate a person for the Rockhound or Junior Rockhound Of The Year shall submit a nomination form. Submit one form for an adult nominee and a separate form for a junior nominee.
- The nomination form should outline the nominee's qualifications and contributions to the Society. This form shall be submitted in to the Board Of Directors at the mailing address of the Society. Nominations can also be placed in a plain, sealed envelope and delivered to the Society Secretary at any Society function.
- Nominations should list the nominee's accomplishments in the lapidary field, how the nominee's involvement with the Society or the field of lapidary has improved the Society. Additionally, the nomination can contain any significant contribution to the Society, articles published, offices held, service to the regional and national federations, shows chaired, committee positions held, field trips lead, classes taught and other Society programs and activities

- in which the person(s) have participated
- All nominations will be kept confidential.
- Nominations may be made by email at any time up to the deadline date for receiving nominations. Emails of nomination should be sent to the Society at pasadenalapidary@aol.com and should include the same information about the candidate that is on the nomination form – who they are, what they have done for the Society and why they should be chosen.

ROTY COMMITTEE

The Rockhound Of The Year Ad-Hoc Committee shall consist of current and former Rockhounds Of The Year who are active members of the Society for the purpose of setting procedure for the ROTY. The current ROTY shall serve as the chairman of the committee. The nomination criteria will be submitted to the Board for approval.

ELECTION PROCEDURE for Rockhound Of The Year and Junior Rockhound Of The Year is:

- The Board shall cause to have an article placed in the August and September issues of the Society's monthly bulletin requesting nominations for Rockhound Of The Year and Junior Rockhound Of The Year. The deadline date for nominations to be received will be listed as October 1st (October 17th for mailed or hand-delivered and October 18th for emailed in 2014).
- As soon as possible after the deadline date the Society Secretary will compile the nominations into a voting form. The voting form will have one space for a member to write-in the name of a member not nominated previously for ROTY or JROTY. The order of names on the form will be selected from a random drawing.
- Next to the nominee's name will be the statements of qualification that were listed on the nomination form by the person submitting the form. No information will be added to that listed on the nomination form, but overly long information may be shortened for the ballot. In the event of multiple nominations for the same person those qualifications may be merged to avoid duplication.
- The voting form will be distributed to members present at the October General (Program) meeting and collected before the end of the meeting.
- Nominations from the floor - there will be no nominations from the floor and no electioneering or campaigning during the meeting.

VOTING BY MAIL

As soon as the ballot is created it will be posted to the Society's web site. Members who will not be able to attend the meeting in person may download the ballot and print and mail it to the Society. All ballots received by mail and postmarked by the date of the meeting when the election is held will be accepted. **In 2014, ballots will**

be accepted through October 31st.

FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

- The votes will be tallied at the November Board Meeting. The person or persons elected as the Rockhound Of The Year and Junior Rockhound Of The Year will be kept confidential until announced at the November General Meeting and listed in the December bulletin.
- The Board of Directors will direct a plaque to be prepared to present to the ROTY and JROTY. They shall be designated as the Society's ROTY and JROTY for the 12 months following the awarding of this honor. That is to say, if they are nominated and elected this year they will be named as the Society's ROTY for next year and their names shall be so listed in the history of the Society.
- The names and photos of the ROTY and JROTY shall be submitted by the Society Secretary to the state and national federations in accordance with the procedures of those organizations, but not later than December 1st.
- The new Rockhound and Junior Rockhound of the Year are celebrated at the annual dinner meeting in December. Plaques, representative of the honor of these individuals, will be awarded to the ROTY and the JROTY at that meeting by the current president of the Society. If the current president is not present, or is the ROTY, the current vice president will serve as the presenter.