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NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

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HALL OF FAME 2009 Nomination Information

Nature and Purpose of the NYAPT Hall of Fame

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation is a professional organization comprised of nearly 700 men and women engaged in the transportation of children to and from schools, BOCES, colleges and universities across the State of New York. NYAPT has been organized since 1974 and prides itself in a singular focus on the safety and well-being of the children of the State. NYAPT provides school transportation professionals with educational programs, networking opportunities, legislative and regulatory advocacy, technical assistance and other services.

Since its beginnings, NYAPT has always held closely to the traditions of excellence and commitment to child safety that were our hallmarks. In doing so, we have regularly applauded the specific and collective accomplishments of our members and Association leaders toward these objectives. Our recognition awards include Drivers of the Year, Friends of NYAPT, Legislator of the Year, and the dearly held Art Schock Award. These and other awards extol the importance of professionalism, communications, educational development, courage, and excellence in the school transportation industry.

In 1998, the NYAPT Board of Directors determined that it was important for our Association to recognize the memories and achievements of those who have come into our midst and helped to move our profession forward. We believe it is important to recognize those who brought new energy and ideas to school transportation, who have carried themselves with dignity and integrity before their colleagues and associates, and who have distinguished themselves through their service in and contributions to the school transportation industry and our Association.

For these reasons, the New York Association for Pupil Transportation commissioned a

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to provide our membership and the public with a focal point to acknowledge and recognize the contributions and service of NYAPT's leaders, partners, members, and associates over the years.



Eligibility for Induction to the NYAPT Hall of Fame

To be considered eligible for induction into the NYAPT Hall of Fame, an individual must have:

- ❖ been nominated in accordance with the instructions herein;
- ❖ been an active member of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation;
- ❖ been employed in the school transportation industry in New York State and established a history of commitment, dedication and significant contributions to the school bus industry and the Association;
- ❖ provided valuable information and support to NYAPT on or about school bus safety issues;
- ❖ improved public relations on behalf of school transportation safety through writing and speaking;
- ❖ participated in significant local, state and/or national activities to present and reflect the positive attributes of NYAPT and school transportation safety;
- ❖ diligently served the cause of pupil transportation and NYAPT through service, contributions, inventions or innovations including but not limited to new procedures; and
- ❖ attained or achieved any other accomplishment considered as being worthy of recognition.



Process for Nomination and Selection

- Nominations shall be submitted not later than **May 15th** of each year by NYAPT active members to the Executive committee, which shall serve as the Selection Committee as designated by the President of NYAPT;
- Such nominations shall be submitted confidentially in a manner prescribed by the Committee;
- Individuals or organizations may nominate only one (1) individual per year;
- While the NYAPT Hall of Fame is intended to be a special honor to living persons rather than as a memorial to those who have passed on, the award may be given posthumously if deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee;
- Not more than two recipients will be selected in any given year, unless a waiver of this provision is adopted by the NYAPT Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee;
- The Selection Committee will consider only those nominations submitted for a given year and will not automatically go back to consider entries from prior years;
- Nominees who are not selected after two separate nominations cannot be nominated again until a three-year period has elapsed since their last nomination;
- Every effort will be made to keep confidential the identity of all nominees and to keep confidential the identity of the recipients until presentation;
- Announcement of the Hall of Fame recipient(s) will be made at the NYAPT Annual Conference.



Annual Nominating Process and Provisions for the 2009 Selection

The annual nominating process commences with this announcement in January 2009. This announcement will be disseminated through NYAPT Chapter Presidents and placed on the NYAPT Web site.

- Nominations will be received only through **May 15, 2009**.
- Nominations should be submitted in a sealed envelope. Nomination materials shall include at the time of submittal:
 - a letter identifying and describing the nominee and the nominating organization or individual. The letter should state the reasons for which this individual should be inducted;
 - endorsements from other individuals or organizations (e.g., school personnel, administrators, parents, state agency officials);
 - other information appropriate to validating and supporting the nomination;
 - a biographical sketch or resume of the nominee must also be included with the nomination.
 - a recent picture of the individual (that can be used for publication and the Hall of Fame plaque);
 - a completed Hall of Fame Nomination Summary.
- These materials should be sent **BY MAY 15th** to:
NYAPT: HALL OF FAME Nominations
266 Hudson Avenue
Albany, New York 12210
- All Nominations must be marked on the outside envelope with the following notice: "***CONFIDENTIAL: HALL OF FAME NOMINATION ENCLOSED***"
- The NYAPT Executive Committee will serve as the Selection Committee for the 2007 selection process and may reach out as needed to verify information presented in the nomination. The naming of the inductee(s) will be held during the Awards Banquet at the Annual Conference in July 2009. A plaque will be presented to each of the inductee(s) and their names will be inscribed on the NYAPT Hall of Fame Memorial Plaque.



The Hall of Fame: Recognition

The NYAPT Hall of Fame memorial plaque will be on permanent display at the NYAPT Offices in Albany, New York. Additionally, it will be displayed at the Annual Conference and the NYAPT Winter Workshop each year.

When complete, it is planned that the NYAPT Hall of Fame commemorative display will feature a color photo of the Hall of Fame members mounted on a hardwood plaque engraved with information as to their entry into the Hall of Fame and the contributions they made to the school transportation industry and the Association. In the interim, a memorial plaque featuring each inductee will be established and preserved for displays.



NOTE: Any questions should be referred to NYAPT Executive Director, Peter Mannella at 518-463-4937.



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2009 Nomination Summary Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Individual Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Summary of Reasons Nominee Should Be Selected:

What Makes This Candidate Stand Out?: _____

Enclosed is the Following in Support of this Nomination:

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Office Use:

Date Received: ____ / ____ / ____

Nomination #: _____

Handling:

- Timely Receipt
- Active Member
- Nomination Letter
- Picture
- Biography or Resume
- Endorsements
- Other Info
- Only Nominee by Entity