THE THERMAL SPRAY HALL OF FAME

Rules and Regulations

1. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

The Thermal Spray Hall of Fame, established in 1993 by the Thermal Spray Society of ASM International, is a means of recognizing and honoring outstanding leaders who have made significant contributions to the science, technology, practice, education, management, and advancement of Thermal Spraying. The Thermal Spray Hall of Fame is a bond between our industry’s past and its future.

2. RULES

2.1 Nominees must be members of ASM International. However, in exceptional cases, this requirement may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee (HoF-SC).

2.2 Only individuals who are, or have been engaged, in thermal spray activities are eligible. Further, to properly reflect the historical significance of the Thermal Spray Hall of Fame and the prestige associated with induction, it is appropriate to posthumously induct selected individuals who are recognized as “founding fathers” or former “giants” of our community. However, induction of deceased nominees shall be limited to one (1) per year.

2.3 Candidates must have been active in the thermal spray community for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. Participation includes all forms of thermal spray activities including related research and development; innovations in materials, processing, equipment, or applications; education; testing, characterization, or quality assurance; certification or standardization; society, association or other professional participation; and commercial activities, such as achievement in the production of equipment, materials, or sprayed parts, as well as coating services, sales, management, and/or marketing.

2.4 Candidates for the Thermal Spray Hall of Fame may be nominated by any of the working groups, committees, subcommittees, or other duly recognized bodies within the ASM Thermal Spray Society. Candidates may also be proposed by any five (5) members of the ASM Thermal Spray Society. Individuals may not submit their own nomination and self-nominations will not be considered.
2.5 The HoF Selection Committee Chair, as a non-voting member of the committee, has a responsibility in ensuring that the Selection Committee has a number of worthy candidates to consider each year.

2.6 Current members of the ASM Thermal Spray Society Board and/or the Hall of Fame Selection Committee will not be considered for induction into the Thermal Spray Hall of Fame. Any such nominations will be held in abeyance until the individual completes his or her term of office or steps down from his or her position.

2.7 The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will review only nominations submitted on and with the proper form(s). These may be supplemented by additional material that supports the nomination. Letters of support may be included in the nomination documents.

2.8 Nominations are due no later than September 30 and awards will be presented at a designated event in the following year. Nominations shall be sent to the Executive Director of ASM Thermal Spray Society, or his/her designate. The ASM staff liaison for TSS shall forward the nominations to the TSS HoF-SC Chair and members of the TSS HoF Selection Committee ensuring that the anonymity of committee members is respected.

2.9 The ASM staff liaison shall be the only person at ASM knowing the identity of the HoF-SC Chair and HoF-SC Members. The identity of HoF-SC Members shall be known within the HoF Committee environment. However, identity of HoF-SC Members will be “in confidence” (i.e. confidential) outside of this Committee environment.

2.10 All nominations shall be valid for three (3) years. If a nomination has not been selected within this three (3) year period, a revised second nomination for this candidate may be submitted only after a one year waiting period. If the second nomination is not selected within its three year period, there shall be a one (1) year waiting period from the expiration of the second nomination before this candidate can be nominated for a third time.

2.11 There is no limit to the number of nominations accepted for consideration, during any given year, Induction shall be limited to three (3) candidates in any one year. Of the candidates selected for induction in a given year, no more than one may be deceased.
2.12 All information on nominees shall be held in strict confidence. No information will be disclosed or transmitted on any pending nomination. In the event that more than one (1) nomination package for an individual candidate is received; they will be assembled before being forwarded to the HoF-SC. Thereby, the HoF-SC will be aware that more than one (1) nomination file has been received for such candidates and can view it as additional consideration for the nominee.

2.13 The members of the HoF-SC may exchange comments on the qualifications of specific candidates to either clarify certain accomplishments or add a different perspective with all communications being shared with the entire committee.

2.14 Unanimous concurrence of all the voting HoF-SC Members is required prior to the recommendation of a Hall of Fame Award. A Member who votes “abstain” is considered as not voting. The remainder of the voting members must have unanimous concurrence.

2.15 If a candidate is not selected, the Chair of the HoF-SC shall inform the Chair of the TSS Awards Committee of the reasons for rejection to the extent possible to allow revision of the nomination file.

2.16 A revised or new nomination file for any candidate who has an active file in front of the Selection Committee may be accepted by the Committee, however, the three year period of validity of this candidate’s nomination will not be changed by the acceptance of such an additional nomination.

2.17 To provide appropriate recognition of this honor the Award should be presented to the Inductee during a formal ceremony at the annual Thermal Spray Conference or an equivalent event. If the recipient is unable to participate in the ceremony, it is recommended that an appropriate representative be designated to accept the Induction on his/her behalf.

3. DESCRIPTION AND PRIVILEGE OF THE AWARD

3.1 Inductees will receive a plaque inscribed with their name and a synopsis of their contribution(s).
3.2 Inductees shall be entitled to use the designation “Thermal Spray Society Hall of Fame” or abbreviation “TS-HoF”. Inductees/Awardees/Members shall be so indicated on TSS rosters, committees and honorships.

4. **HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE**

4.1 Appointments of the HoF Selection Committee Chair and Vice Chair

4.1.1 The HoF-SC Vice-Chair shall be appointed by the Thermal Spray Society (TSS) President **upon the recommendation of the HoF Chair**. The TSS President may consult with the TSS Board for candidate nominations for consideration by the HoF Chair. The Vice-Chair will succeed the Chair. The Vice-Chair has full voting rights. The Chair does not have voting rights.

4.1.2 The Chair of the HoF-SC shall select a HoF–SC Vice-Chair who shall serve a one (1) year term with the possibility of serving additional one-year terms for a maximum of four years.

4.1.3 The HoF-SC Vice-Chair shall be responsible for assisting the Chair and for acting on his/her behalf in case the Chair is prevented from performing a certain task. The HoF-SC Vice-Chair may succeed to the Chairmanship.

4.1.4 The HoF-SC Chair shall be responsible for appointing the HoF-SC members and for obtaining the votes from the Committee members. He/She shall also be responsible for facilitating or guiding any discussion among the Committee members on the qualifications of a nominee, if necessary.

4.2 Selection, Composition and Tenure of the HoF-SC Members

4.2.1 The HoF-SC Chair shall appoint a minimum of six (6) members to the HoF-SC. Recommendations for potential members may be requested from the TSS Board through the TSS President. However, the appointments will be made by the SC Chair, and the names of the appointees will not be transmitted to the President or the Board.

4.2.2 The composition of the Selection Committee should reflect the TSS constituency, i.e., suppliers, equipment manufacturers, technology users, academia, and National Laboratories, and the international TS community should be represented.
4.2.3 The HoF Selection Committee consists thus of a Chair, and at least six (6) regular members including the Vice-Chair. Only the regular members including the Vice-Chair have voting privileges.

4.2.4 Active Hall of Fame Awardees will be encouraged to participate in the HoF-SC. This “college” of HoF Awardees may be called upon to recommend HoF nominations.

4.2.5 Membership of the HoF-SC shall not be disclosed to the TSS Board or the general membership.

4.2.6 Tenure for the regular HoF-SC members shall be three (3) years, on a rotating basis, with no less than one-third of the Committee replaced in any one (1) year. The SC is thus renewed every four (4) years. SC members shall not be eligible for reselection until two (2) years have elapsed since their previous service.

4.2.7 A HoF-SC member can be selected by the President to serve as HoF-SC Chair. In this case his/her regular membership and voting privileges must be terminated.

5. **Report of the Selection Committee**

5.1 The Committee shall, two (2) months prior to the month in which the award is to be presented, submit the list of Hall of Fame Awardees to the TSS Board. A brief (one (1) page) report summarizing each candidate’s file, as well as the rationale for selection, will be forwarded. The TSS Board has the option, in extraordinary cases (and in consultation with the HoF-SC Chair), of not approving any HoF-SC recommendation.

5.2 The name(s) of the inductee(s) will be forwarded to the ASM Awards Policy Committee and the ASM Board of Trustees for their information, together with a concise statement of thirty (30) words or less, highlighting the inductee’s accomplishments.

5.3 The TSS Awards Committee Chair shall be notified of the results of the election and of any major issues that have come up in connection with a nomination.
6. Notes concerning ‘Role of the TSS Board’

6.1 The TSS Board does not judge the technical credentials of the HoF Nominees. The TSS Board does not have access to the HoF nomination documents and cannot make such decisions. That is: a TSS Board member may not know specific individuals who have been nominated. This lack of personal knowledge does not cause any reason to reverse or question the decision process of the Panel.

6.2 The TSS Board can if they have well-founded knowledge concerning the integrity, ethics or moral character of a recommended nominee recommend reversal of the Panel decision. Such confidential knowledge would be feedback to the HoF Panel Chair and the Panel would then reconsider such additional information. The adverse opinion of the TSS Board must be clearly documented. The HoF Panel would then reconvene, and their initial recommendation reconsidered.