



MiPPA

Hall of Fame Award

Guidelines for Nomination and Induction

The Michigan Promotional Professionals Association has prospered and nurtured the growth of the promotional products industry throughout the state, the region and the nation since 1969.

This success is possible because of the selfless and tireless efforts and dedication of individual volunteers who have shared their enthusiasm, professionalism, time, knowledge, vision and efforts to advance their industry and their association. The Michigan Promotional Professionals Association would like to give these individuals permanent recognition through induction into the MiPPA Hall of Fame.

Eligibility and Deadlines: To be eligible for our highest honor, a candidate shall have made significant contributions to the membership of MiPPA, the promotional products industry and their community. The candidates may be living or deceased. Candidates must have been a member of MiPPA for a minimum of five (5) years as defined by the MiPPA bylaws. Current MiPPA Board of Directors are not eligible. Candidates must have been off the board for a minimum of two years to be considered.

Nominations open on June 1st of each year and close on September 1 of the year of induction. Inductees are recognized at the MiPPA Annual Meeting and Award Celebration Dinner.

Nomination and Selection Procedure: To be nominated, candidates or their representative, must submit a complete official Hall of Fame nomination form during the nomination period. All current MiPPA Members are eligible to submit a nomination. The nomination forms and supporting letters and documentation are collected by the Executive Director who will forward the nomination packet to the MiPPA Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee is made up of current Hall of Fame inductees and the current MiPPA Executive Committee who shall meet and determine selection. No selection or multiple selections are permitted. The decisions of the committee will be announced to the general membership. Nominees who are not selected will automatically be reconsidered the following year. If not inducted the second year, candidates will need to be nominated again before being reconsidered.

General Guidelines For Induction:

Induction into the MiPPA Hall of Fame is your association's highest honor and the nomination should be given careful and thoughtful preparation. While only one seconder is required for a valid nomination, multiple seconders and accompanying letters of support can establish the nominee's qualifications for induction.

The Hall of Fame is considered an honor society and membership requires the utmost integrity. Inductees must possess and demonstrate persistence, motivation, dedication, determination, integrity and responsibility and be a role model for others in our industry. Hall of Fame inductees are obligated to work toward good public relations for the Hall of Fame and the promotional products industry.

While not a requirement for inclusion, achievement of industry certifications (CAS, MAS, MAS+, BASI, MASI) indicate a commitment to personal development and professional growth.

The Selection Committee scores each nominee based on their achievements and contributions in three areas: Professional Achievements, Promotional Products Industry Contributions, and Community/Charitable Involvement.

The MiPPA President will notify both those selected and not selected of the decision of the committee within one week after the meeting. The selections are announced in the MiPPA Monthly newsletter and through press releases in national industry publications.

The Hall of Fame Induction and Celebration will take place at the MiPPA Members' Annual Meeting and Dinner held in November or December.

Hall of Fame inductees receive a trophy sponsored by J Charles Crystal, a jacket sponsored by Edwards Garment Company, a patch sponsored by Gempire, a name badge sponsored by ID Line and lifetime membership in the association.

MiPPA Hall of Fame

2009 - Kenneth R Kelsey MAS, Alvin H Elwood, Sr, and Howard J Steinmetz MAS

2010 - Paul A Kiewiet MAS+

2012 - Donna Hall

2013 - Allen Bates MAS

2017 - LaDonna Belcher

2018 - Jim Thomson MAS

2019 - David DeWitt, Paul Gualtieri MAS

2020 - Mary Jo Tomasini MAS+

2021 - John Andersen MAS

2022 - Paul Zafarana MAS, Jane Mitchell MAS