

How to Write a Successful PIIHOF Nomination

Introduction

This document is intended to help describe what information the selection committee is looking for in successful nomination forms.

Selecting an Induction Category

The following are official categories in which a candidate can be nominated:

- Academics
- Economics
- Entrepreneur
- Founder
- Inventory/Innovator
- Leadership
- Marketing/Sales
- Research & Development
- Service
- Technology

It is important to choose a primary category and then as many as two additional categories for your nomination. Selecting the appropriate categories will help more completely define your case why your candidate is deserving of PIIHOF recognition. For instance, a paper industry founder is usually not only a leader, but an entrepreneur also. Another example could be an academic who is also an inventor excelling in research and development.

The Critical Questions

This section will outline what are considered to be critical questions that the PIIHOF committee considers.

Question 1: What specific contributions to the paper industry has the nominee made? Give particular details with support materials.

This question carries particular weight and must be answered fully and completely. It is best to write this section as a story using a time sequence. Start at the beginning and describe what the candidate was doing that led to their contribution to the paper industry. Includes dates, place names, company names, and names of any colleagues that participated in any activities. Try to include descriptions of what was the state of the industry, science or technology before the nominee's contributions were made. Please incorporate as many verifiable facts as possible as this will help the selection committee made its final decision. Finally, if you have chosen as many as three categories, structure your response to show your nominee's accomplishments in

the order of importance. For example, a corporate founder's skills at entrepreneurship should be mentioned followed by their skill at marketing or sales.

A list of contributions may include incorporations, inventions (patents), products, journal publications, and published books. It may also include emerging technologies and societal benefits.

Question 2: How have these contributions benefitted the paper industry?

Significant contributions lead to notable benefits. Using your response to question one, describe each contribution and how it benefitted the industry. Here it is good to include as much numerical data as possible. For instance, the number of students taught, tons of product per year, or percent increases in efficiency.

Additionally, if you have specific examples, this section provides you with an opportunity to elaborate on both the contribution and the benefit.

Question 3: How were these achievements realized? For example, were they through the nominee's personal efforts, management of other professionals, instruction of students, inspiration to others, or administration of major programs, etc.?

A person's contribution and resulting benefit are a result of that person's skills. Describe your nominee's interpersonal skills, management skills, leadership skills, etc. Describe how your nominee used their skills to make things happen. Couple your response to this question to your responses to the previous two questions. By connection contributions, benefits, and skills, a very compelling case will be made for support of your nomination.