



2017 WMMA® RALPH B. BALDWIN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Competition Rules

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PURPOSE

The objective of the WMMA® Ralph B. Baldwin Award of Excellence is to recognize every other year one individual who has made outstanding contributions to the entire woodworking equipment, cutting tool, and supply industry.

PRESENTATION

The 2017 WMMA Ralph B. Baldwin Award of Excellence will be presented to the Award recipient at the WMMA All Member meeting during the 2017 Woodworking Industry Conference, which will be held April 25-28 at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, California.

ELIGIBILITY

The individual nominated must still be living. He or she may be currently active in the industry, retired, or with a different company than when the contribution was made. Affiliation with the WMMA® is not a requirement, although it is helpful.

Each member company may submit one ballot. **100% participation by the membership is desired.**

You may vote for an individual with your own company or with another firm – but only one nomination per ballot.

ENTRY CRITERIA

The four categories for consideration are:

1. *Contributions to WMMA* - offices and committee posts held, special programs conducted, contributions to growth and well-being of the Association, etc.
2. *Contributions to the Industry* – participation in research projects, International Fair activities, improving the image of the machine industry, outstanding liaison with customers, etc.
3. *Contributions to the individual's own company* – product development, marketing efforts, management and leadership, innovations, etc.
4. *Other contributions* – local government, civic or charitable activities.

FILLING OUT THE ENTRY FORM

Please fill out the entry form completely and include as much detail as possible. If you wish to place someone into nomination, please take some time to research the details of their contributions in the four categories listed here. Consider contacting family, friends, co-workers and business associates of the nominee. Remember, your fact finding could help determine the recipient!

In the interest of fairness, Association staff cannot be responsible for completing entry forms and will not do so.

Forms submitted with a name only and with no contribution details will NOT be considered.

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Entries must be received at WMMA headquarters no later than March 11, 2017. Please keep a copy of your completed entry form for your records.

Fax Entries to: (443) 640-1031

Email to: diane@wmma.org

Mail entries to:

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JUDGING

Finalists in the Award of Excellence Competition will be selected by the Membership Services Committee and submitted to the Past Presidents and Executive Committee for a final vote.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All submissions will be held in the strictest confidence at WMMA headquarters and will be reviewed only by the judges – members of the Membership Services and Executive Committees and Past Presidents of the WMMA. WMMA Staff is not at liberty to discuss any submissions other than to coordinate the voting process.

IMPORTANT! Multiple submissions for a candidate are allowed and encouraged. Please do not assume that the candidate of your choice has already been submitted. Nominations for any one individual by more than one member company may increase that individual's opportunity to be selected.

Do not wait for someone else to place the nomination!

SELECTION OF THE WINNER

Selection of the winner will be based upon the outstanding contributions of one individual in all of the four areas listed above (although contributions in one area may be predominant). There is no "weighting" of contributions in one area as opposed to another. The decisions of the judges will be final.