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Awards and Fellowships of The Oughtred Society

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1. Reasons to institute The Oughtred Society Award:

- Recognition of outstanding personal or group achievements regarding slide rules or other historical calculating instruments
- Acknowledgment of The Oughtred Society as leading organization for the community of connoisseurs, collectors and historians of slide rules and calculating instruments at large
- Encouragement for The Oughtred Society community to strive for excellence

2. Name of the award:

“The Oughtred Society Award”

3. Criterium:

Recognition of outstanding contributions to the world community involved with slide rules and historical calculating instruments. Preferably the award should be presented at a highlight of achievements, or at their conclusion.

4. Examples of outstanding contributions:

- Activities toward the general public to stimulate awareness and knowledge of slide rules and historical calculating instruments at large, like public presentations, expositions, articles in newspapers and magazines, or sharing a private collection with the public. Waking the interest of the younger generation, like students, would be considered a special accomplishment, as this involves the future of The Oughtred Society.
- Activities for the good of the community involved with slide rules and historical calculating instruments at large, like organizing websites, discussion groups, reference documents, publications.
- Regular/many/important publications in the *Journal of the Oughtred Society* or other related journals or periodicals.
- Activities for the good of the members of The Oughtred Society.

5. Schedule:

Once annually the Award shall be presented at an event like an Oughtred Society member meeting, a Regional Meeting or a European IM meeting, to be determined every year after taking into consideration the availability of the award recipient. Deviations from the annual schedule are possible when in a year no suitable winner can be established or when, as well as a regular Award presentation, there is an overwhelming need for another Award.

6. Award Authority:

The Oughtred Society Board of Directors will select the members of an Oughtred Society Award Committee which has as its task:

- a. to design and maintain the Oughtred Society Award system and its procedures
- b. to select every year the person(s) to be awarded

This Committee will consist of a maximum of five members.

For the initial phase of the Award, the Board of Directors of The Oughtred Society appointed at its Regular Meeting of January 23, 2005, Otto E. van Poelje as Project Chairman, and Robert Otnes and Ted Hume as members of the Award Committee, with Mr. van Poelje and Mr. Otnes each having the option to select an additional member.

An Oughtred Society Award Committee Member will have a maximum term of 4 years.

Not more than two Award Committee Members may be replaced simultaneously, for the sake of continuity.

The current Committee consists of David Rance (Chair), Peter Hopp, Gary Flom, Clark McCoy and Peter Holland.

7. Award Nominations:

Nominations may be proposed, in writing or by E-mail to the Chairman of the Award Committee, by any Oughtred Society member including an Award Committee member. Nominations should be solicited annually in the *Journal of the Oughtred Society*.

No self-nomination or anonymous nomination is permitted.

Excepted from nominations are those who have received an earlier Oughtred Society Award.

There are no other restrictions; for example, allowed are nominations of Oughtred Society Directors and Officers, Oughtred Society members, non-Oughtred Society members, non-USA citizens, or deceased persons.

Unsuccessful nominations may be carried forward to later years.

8. Award Procedure:

The Committee will publish to Oughtred Society members the nomination procedure and period, with specific end dates of submissions.

The Committee will consider all nominations submitted.

The Committee will discuss -and possibly select- the nomination of an Award Committee member only in that member's absence, and without that member's involvement.

The Committee will consult anyone about nominations, when and where necessary.

The Committee will strive for an unanimous decision on the award winner but will use majority voting when strictly needed.

The Committee will document the considerations for the selected awardees.

The Committee will present the award at a proper and convenient event.

The Committee Chairman will inform and congratulate awardees by phone.

The Committee Chairman will inform the OS Board who the awardees are by E-mail to the President of The Oughtred Society.

The Committee will publish the award winner and considerations in the *Journal of the Oughtred Society*, ISRG, Skid Stick, RSB, MIR etcetera, and, if possible, in public media.

The Committee is not obliged to publish all other nominations although there is no strict secrecy; information on request only.

9. Group Awards:

It is possible to present the Award to one or more individuals or to a group which has worked closely together on an outstanding achievement.

10. Award Prize:

- a. A framed Award Certificate signed by the Award Committee Chairman, one per recipient or one per group member.
- b. A lapel button of The Oughtred Society Award in gold colour, to wear at Oughtred Society and other suitable events, one per recipient or one per group member.
- c. Admission to The Oughtred Society Hall of Fame.
- d. Notification of the Award in the *Journal of the Oughtred Society*, Web site and via E-mail to members.
- e. Recurring notation of the Award in the yearly Oughtred Society Membership Directory, if the Award winner is an Oughtred Society member
- f. There will be no monetary recognition involved from Oughtred Society funding.

B. The Oughtred Society Fellowship

1. Reasons to institute The Oughtred Society Fellowship:

- Recognition of substantial contribution by a member to the Oughtred Society or to a national organization of collectors of slide rules or calculating instruments
- Encouragement for members to make active contributions to Society or national organization
- To provide recognition of members on a level between Oughtred Society Award winners and non-Award-winners

2. Name of the recognition:

An Oughtred Society member is given the title "Fellow of The Oughtred Society" when a substantial contribution has been made to the Society or to national organizations (like the UKSRC, the German RST or the Dutch KRING), according to defined criteria.

3. Criteria:

Oughtred Society Fellowship will be awarded to a member with at least 2 current consecutive years of membership, and:

- a. who has been elected director or officer of the Oughtred Society (in the present or in the past), or
- b. who has worked as volunteer for at least one year in an Oughtred Society or a national organization project, or
- c. who has contributed extensively articles to the Oughtred Society or national organization periodicals, for example the *Journal of the Oughtred Society*, the Oughtred Society Bulletin, the UKSRC Gazette or Skid Stick, the German RST, or the Dutch KRING's MIR.

A rough indication of extensive contribution of articles:

- 2 articles of 12 pages in total or more, or
- 3 articles of 10 pages in total or more, or
- 4 articles of 8 pages in total or more

or any other mix of articles judged substantial by the OS Award Committee.

The articles should be substantial, for instance not only letters or book reviews.

The Award Committee may decide in special occasions to deviate from these rules

- d. who has received The Oughtred Society Award
- e. In addition, the Award Committee can decide on individual basis that a Fellowship is awarded to an Oughtred Society member because of special contributions to The Oughtred Society or a national organization, for example in public relations or on the Internet.

The Fellowship ends with termination of Oughtred Society membership.

4. Schedule:

Once annually, concurrent with The Oughtred Society Award selection, an active check has to be made to determine which Oughtred Society members meet the Fellowship criteria.

5. Fellowship Procedure:

The Award Committee is charged with the Fellowship procedure.

There are no nominations or considerations, only the application of the criteria in 3.

The Committee will announce the new Fellowships and award the prizes involved.

The Committee will consider proposals for additional Fellowships.

6. Fellowship Prize:

- a. A Letter, signed by the Committee Chairman, announcing and congratulating the recipient on being awarded a Fellowship
- b. A lapel button of The Oughtred Society Fellow in silver colour, to wear at Oughtred Society and other suitable events
- c. Admission to The Oughtred Society Hall of Fame.
- d. Notification of the Fellowship in the *Journal of the Oughtred Society*, Web site and via E-mail to members
- e. Recurring notation of the Fellowship at the member's entry in the yearly Oughtred Society Membership Directory
- f. There will be no monetary recognition involved from Oughtred Society funding.