



International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

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Wally Banks
Executive Vice President

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IFBA MEMBR GROUPS
IFBA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dear Fellow Buff:

Pursuant to the IFBA By-Laws Article 8, I am soliciting candidates for the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year award for 2019, which must be received in the IFBA Executive Office by March 1, 2019. The requirements of the nomination are outlined in the By-Laws Article shown below. You may either send the nomination by attachment to an email to my address shown below, or by government mail or delivery service which must arrive at my office by March 1, 2019.

Since we are having the convention in Canada this year, I personally feel it would be a wonderful action to nominate a Canadian for the award. There are numerous worthy Canadian buffs who would be deserving of this honor. Nevertheless, the pen is in your hands and I encourage you to nominate that buff who is dear to your heart.

ARTICLE 8 – ANNUAL AWARDS

Section 1.

Each year a member of a Member Group or an Associate Member of the IFBA shall be honored with the award of “HENRY N. WILWERS FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR”.

The Executive Vice President shall solicit all Member Groups and Associate Members during the month of January for their candidates. Names shall be submitted with a resume stating the reason for the person's nomination. Such nominations shall be forwarded to the Executive Vice President no later than March First (1st).

The President of the IFBA shall appoint a three (3) member screening committee to receive the names from the Executive Vice President for review. The screening committee shall discuss the candidates and prepare for an announcement of their

selection at the Annual Banquet. They shall not reveal the name of the honoree in advance of their announcement.

The award shall be a Pewter Speaking Trumpet, properly engraved, which shall be presented at the Annual Banquet, if the recipient is present. If the recipient is not present at the Annual Banquet, the award shall be announced at the Banquet and presented locally by the Regional Vice President.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the scholarship offer from the Executive Board to any first-time attendee to the Annual Convention equal in amount to the registration fee of the Convention. Only one scholarship per convention. You may tell your first-time attendee that they can write a letter to the Executive Office detailing their desire to earn the scholarship, their buffing experience, their reasons to attend the convention, and what they hope to receive from their overall convention attendance experience. Please have the first-time attendee send the letter to the Executive Office address below either by attachment to an email or by government mail or delivery service by March 1, 2019. I plan to submit all letters received to the Executive Board at the Montreal Spring Executive Board meeting.

Dates you should also remember:

March 8 & 9, 2019 Spring Executive Board meeting Montreal.

June 26-30, 2019 IFBA Annual Business Meeting & Convention Montreal, Quebec.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wally Banks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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