



## **World Organization of the Scout Movement World Honours and Awards Committee**

### **THE GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF THE BRONZE WOLF**

#### **The Bronze Wolf**

The Bronze Wolf was established in 1935. It is awarded at the sole discretion of the World Scout Committee (WSC), under Article XIV, 1. (n) of the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which places on the WSC responsibility "to decide upon granting of awards for services to the World Scout Movement". Recommendations for the award are made to the WSC by the World Honours and Awards Committee (WHAC) which is established by it under Article XVI, 6. of WOSM's Constitution.

#### ***The award of the Bronze Wolf Guidelines***

##### **1. Eligibility**

**1.1** The Bronze Wolf (BW) is awarded to recognise outstanding service of the most exceptional character rendered by an individual to the World Scout Movement and must normally include such service at the world and/or regional levels.

**1.2** Members of the WSC and professional staff of the World Scout Bureau (WSB) are not eligible for the award during their term of service as such.

**1.3** In very exceptional circumstances, the WSC may set aside the limitations of paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2

**1.4** The process of recognition will terminate automatically on the death of any nominee unless the award has previously been made by the WSC and communicated to the individual.

##### **2. Nominations**

**2.1** Nominations for the BW may be submitted by any elected member of the WSC, Regional Chairpersons, Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the WSC, and any existing holder of the BW (except a member of the WHAC), all acting in an individual capacity.

**2.2** Nominations may be accepted at any time during the year, and these will be processed accordingly to the agreed calendar of announcements.

**2.3** Nominations may be accepted from any of these persons (as in paragraph 2.1) acting in an individual capacity. Nominations must be fully completed by the person making the nomination. Nominations can not be made by committees or other groups of people.

##### **3. Preliminary evaluation by WHAC**

**3.1** Members of WHAC shall be asked to make a preliminary evaluation of the nominations prior to the actual meeting of the WHAC, unless the timetable in any particular year makes this step impracticable. The decision whether or not to omit this step shall be taken by the Chairperson of WHAC.

**3.2** The objectives of the preliminary evaluation are:

**3.2.1** to enable members of WHAC to communicate any additional information which they believe has been overlooked in the nomination to the Secretary of WHAC for circulation to members prior to the actual meeting.

**3.2.2** to ensure that if further information is required, there is an opportunity to obtain such information before the actual meeting.

**3.2.3** should a member of WHAC be unable, at short notice, to attend a meeting, he or she should share his or her preliminary views with other members of the WHAC preferably prior to the meeting.

**3.2.4** to enable some preliminary assessment to be carried out in order to simplify some business of the meeting.

**3.3** Evaluation will focus on performance and results with evidence of outstanding service of the most exceptional character. The following characteristics are not in themselves adequate evidence: age, length of service, extensive travel, presence at conferences, jamborees or other events, or offices, nor the faithful and satisfactory performance of the duties of a position or appointment held.

**3.4.** The Secretary will advise the WHAC whether a nomination has previously been received and or assessed and reasons why this was not recommended by the WHAC at that time.

**3.5** The evaluation will lead to a preliminary classification of each nomination, for WHAC use only, as follows:

**3.5.1** evaluated tentatively as outstanding service warranting the Bronze Wolf.

**3.5.2** further specific information or consideration required.

**3.5.3** no further action on the nomination.

**3.6** The WHAC may only re-address a previous nomination under the following circumstances:

**3.6.1** That a period of not less than three [3] years has elapsed since the previous nomination, and,

**3.6.2** New information that relates to outstanding service previously not supplied, or any other new relevant information, is properly defined in the re-nomination submission.

#### **4. Preparation of report and a ballot paper for WSC**

**4.1** At its meeting, the WHAC shall review its preliminary evaluations and produce a final list, for its own records only, in the following categories:

**4.1.1** evaluated as outstanding service worthy of the BW, conditionally upon being acceptable to the individual's NSO, and recommended to the WSC.

**4.1.2** Deferred.

**4.1.3** action terminated by death.

**4.1.4** no further action unless subsequently re-nominated.

**4.2** In the case of categories 4.1.1 above, the Secretary of the WHAC, on behalf of its Chairperson, shall immediately after the meeting of the WHAC make enquiries discreetly as to determine the acceptability to the individual's NSO of the person receiving the BW. It should be made clear that, at this stage, the WHAC is considering the nomination and that it is understood that the answer is to reflect with authority the view of the responsible national leadership. A deadline of 10 days should be given for a reply.

**4.3** The WHAC shall then prepare for the voting by the elected members of the WSC:

**4.3.1** a ballot in the order of the nomination received for the recommendations in category **4.1.1** together with the nomination form(s).

**4.3.2** a reminder that Article XIII, 1 of the Constitution requires members of the WSC to consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and not to consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member Organization or Region.

**4.3.3** an explanation that an abstention has no effect on the voting (see paragraph 5.1 below)

**4.3.4** a suggestion that, if they vote "no" for a candidate, they may, if they think fit, send to the Secretary of the WHAC, under confidential cover, a note of the reasons which led them to do so. In such a case, even if 75% of the votes cast are favourable, the Chairperson of the WHAC may decide to defer any award for further consideration. He or she will only do so if significant new information has been provided.

## 5. Voting by WSC elected members

**5.1** The BW will be awarded to each person named on the ballot who receives not less than three-quarters of the votes cast. Only votes "yes" or "no" will be counted in order to arrive at the proportion. Abstentions will not be counted.

**5.2** The number of votes cast against an award will not be announced.

## 6. Awards announcements

**6.1** Following the decision of the WSC, WOSM's Secretary General (SG) shall write, on behalf of the WSC, to each person who is to receive the BW and to their NSO, announcing the award. The NSO should be advised that, if a public announcement is to be issued, it should be read that:

*"The Bronze Wolf has been awarded by the World Scout Committee of the World Organization of the Scout Movement to (name) for outstanding service of the most exceptional character to the World Scout Movement".*

The announcement may include the date and place of the presentation, if known, otherwise, it should state "at a later time"

**6.2** The Award of the Bronze Wolf shall be notified to those listed in 2.1. In this communication, the Secretary of the WHAC shall also invite elected members of the WSC, Regional Chairpersons, Chairpersons of standing committees, and Bronze Wolf holders to submit further nominations in the standard format.

## 7. Presentation

**7.1** The WHAC shall arrange for the presentation of BW Awards, preferably at World or Regional events.

**7.2** In case of group presentations, awards will be presented in the order of BW award number.

**7.3** The new BW awardee is invited to nominate a current Bronze Wolf Holder to present the Award, noting that preferably it will be presented by a person from a different NSO. In exceptional cases, where no BW holder is available to present the BW Award, the decision on a suitable person to present it will be made by the WHAC. The Awardee will receive the decoration of the Bronze Wolf, ribbons for their uniform, a certificate and a copy of the citation which is prepared by the WHAC.

**7.4** The decoration and certificate will be presented at the ceremony, where citations, cases, and ribbons will be made available separately.

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