

## **THE PAUL MALLERY TROPHY AWARD**

### **SECTION 1. Introduction**

The Summit-New Providence HO Railroad Club, Inc. created the Delaware Trophy II as an Award to recognize Ingenuity in Model Building in the Northeastern Region of the NMRA. The first recipient was in 1974 and the last was in 1988. The Garden State Division (GSD) of the Northeastern Region (NER) revived this trophy in 2008, and renamed it The Paul Mallery Trophy in honor of the late Paul Mallery. Paul was a founding member of the GSD, a writer of classic works on model railroading, and is Master Model Railroader No 4.

### **SECTION 2. Definitions**

A. The term "year," as used herein, also known as the "Mallery Year," shall mean the period beginning the day after the fall Model Contest of the NER, and ending on the close of the day on which the succeeding fall Model Contest of the NER is held. For example, if the beginning of the "year" is September 2007 and the "year" ends in September 2008, the award is for the calendar year 2008 (or 2008 Mallery Year).

B. "Modeling", as used herein, shall include work done by the recipient of the trophy, either wholly or in substantial part, to construct model structures, railroad cars, motive power, track work, dioramas or scenery in all model scales in the year of the award or in the preceding year.

### **SECTION 3. Mission Statement**

The Paul Mallery Trophy is intended to encourage members of the GSD to build quality models, thereby advancing the art of model railroad model building. The trophy is awarded each year to a GSD member, who has shown consistent excellence in modeling, for work completed wholly or in substantial part in the year of the award or in the preceding year.

### **SECTION 4. Requirements**

A. The award is open to GSD members, who are in good standing.

B. Applicants must submit to the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson a Paul Mallery Trophy Entry Form along with photos of the models constructed as well as a short narrative describing their construction.

C. Applications for the award shall be submitted to the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson no later than 30 days of the close of the year that models are considered for the award.

D. No model shall be submitted for judging after the end of the year of the award.

E. Any model built by the applicant either wholly or in substantial part during any year, which is judged during the next succeeding year, shall be considered for the award in the year in which it is judged.

F. In no event shall any model, built by the applicant either wholly or in substantial part two years or more prior to the year in which it is judged, be considered for the award.

## **SECTION 5. Procedure**

A. Applicants shall be chosen at the sole discretion of the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson. The AP and Contest Committee Chairperson shall then recommend the applicants to the Board of Directors. However, on motion and the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, the Board may consider modelers other than those recommended by the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson who have not submitted an application but who otherwise qualify for the award.

B. The trophy shall be awarded with the advice and consent of the GSD Board of Directors composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and all Directors. Applications for the award shall be submitted to the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson, who shall recommend a recipient of the award to the Board of Directors. The simple majority vote of the Board of Directors decides the recipient in accordance with these rules.

C. Neither the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson nor any member of the Board of Directors, who is an applicant for the award, shall knowingly engage in any contest judging of a model that is likely to be considered for the award in that same year.

D. Neither the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson nor any member of the Board of Directors, who is an applicant for the award, shall participate in deciding whether to award the additional points for “uniqueness” of any model in that same year.

E. Applicants may submit additional materials or information to the AP and Contest Committee Chairperson to further support the “uniqueness” of models.

F. The applicant shall submit proof of all scores earned on a model, considered for the award, along with The Paul Mallery Trophy Entry Form.

## **SECTION 6. Scoring**

A. The award shall go to the person who has shown the greatest consistent skill and ingenuity in constructing models. Considered are the number of models completed in the year, the contest score those models received in NMRA Regional or National model contests, and the uniqueness of the models.

B. The winner is determined as follows:

(1) Points are awarded to each applicant equivalent to the median contest score of all models constructed during the year or preceding year and judged at NMRA Regional or National model contests during the year of the award.

(2) In addition to the median contest score for all models, the applicant shall receive 10 points for each model entered that has received at least 80 points in a contest.

(3) The Board of Directors and AP and Contest Committee Chairperson shall have the discretion to award an additional 5 points to each model deemed to be unique in its category.

(4) The highest number of total points determines the winner of the award.

(5) The contest score considered for the award on any particular model that was judged on multiple occasions during the applicable year shall be the highest contest score earned on that particular model during that year.

### **SECTION 7. The Trophy**

A. Each year the recipient shall be awarded a wooden plaque stating their name as the winner of The Paul Mallery Trophy for modeling excellence.

B. The recipient of the award will be announced at the Spring Meet of the GSD, and the Fall Convention of the NER following the end of the year as defined, or as otherwise directed by the Board .

C. The physical trophy will be displayed at a location selected by the GSD Board of Directors, where persons interested in model railroading may see it. Names of recipients shall be engraved on a plaque affixed to the trophy.

D. The existing metal plaques will be removed and remounted on a separate wooden plaque. This plaque will be exhibited along with the trophy.