INTERNET HALL OF FAME

June 2016

A summary of updates and changes made to the program to date.

Key objectives in 2016

Together with inductees, guide the long-term planning for the Internet Hall of Fame – ensuring an enhanced, structured, more efficient program that celebrates the living history of the Internet and those individuals who made its transformative nature possible.

Refine the nomination and selection process in preparation for the next induction in 2017, and provide recommendations to increase the visibility of the program and the achievement of its goals.

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Background

- The Internet Hall of Fame was launched by the Internet Society in 2012.

- In 2014, a decision was made to take 2015 to consider how the program can expand for the long-term, with greater involvement from the inductees.

- A series of roundtable discussions and an online survey in 2015 provided detailed insights and recommendations.

- Topics addressed in the research included the focus and scope of the program, categories of recognition, criteria for selection of new inductees and number selected, frequency of induction ceremonies, and ideas to create greater visibility of the program.

Achievements

Since January 2016, the following deliverables have been met:

1 The formation of an Internet Hall of Fame Advisory Board – comprised of 20 volunteers from the total 89 inductees. Two quarterly meetings with the Advisory Board.

2 A Charter written and agreed upon outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Board.

3 Decided against adding non-inductees to the Advisory Board for diversity of opinion and to explore other ways to achieve this, e.g. communications and selection criteria.

4 Reviewed inductee selection process and decided the Advisory Board will make the final selection of inductees, with a subset of the Advisory Board to vet the nominations.

Next steps

The following steps will take place in the coming months:

1

Convene the Advisory Board for further work on program enhancements. Virtual meetings scheduled for June, September and November.

2

Refine process and criteria for evaluating nominations and selection of inductees:
- Selection criteria
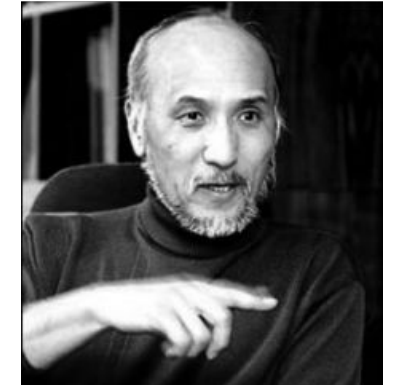- Nomination form
- Vetting process

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Consider the formation of a speaker's bureau as well as ideas to promote and enhance visibility of the Internet Hall of Fame program in 2017.

4

Prepare "Call for Nominations" in 2017 and next induction linking to ISOC's 25th anniversary activities.

What's in store in 2017?

- Re-launch the Internet Hall of Fame

- An enhanced program, with a refined, more transparent selection process

- Consider convening inductees in-person for program re-launch; linking to Internet Society's 25th Anniversary activities (date to be determined)

- Greater promotion of the program to raise broader awareness and visibility for it

Questions?

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