

# THE PAUL MALLERY TROPHY AWARD

*Rules as amended and adopted at a special meeting of the Garden State Division Board of Directors held on January 23, 2010, and are effective immediately.*

## **Introduction**

The Summit-New Providence HO Railroad Club, Inc. created the *Delaware Trophy II* to award Ingenuity in Model Building, Northeastern Region, NMRA. The first recipient was in 1974 and the last 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.

## **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 excellence in modeling, for work completed in the preceding year.

## **Requirements**

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

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

Applicants must submit to the AP and Contest Chairperson photos of the models constructed as well as a short narrative describing their construction.

The term "year," as used herein, shall mean the period beginning the day after fall Model Contest of the NER, and ending on the day that 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.

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

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

Applicants shall be chosen at the sole discretion of the AP and Contest Chairperson. The AP and Contest 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 applicants other than those recommended by the AP and Contest Chairperson.

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. Applicants 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.

Neither the AP 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 particular year.

Neither the AP 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 particular year.

### **Scoring**

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

The winner is determined as follows:

- Points are awarded to each applicant equivalent to the median score of all models constructed and judged at NMRA Regional or National model contests during the year involved.
- In addition to the median score for all models, the applicant shall receive 10 points for each model entered that has received at least 80 points in a contest.
- The Board of Directors and AP and Contest Chairperson shall have the discretion to award an additional 5 points to each model deemed to be unique in its category.
- The highest number of total points determines the winner of the award.

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

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

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

### **The Trophy**

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

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.

The physical trophy will be kept at a location where persons interested in model railroading may see it. Names of recipients shall be engraved on a plaque affixed to the trophy.

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