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This document forms part of the SAMAA Manual of Procedures. It is to be used by SAMAA Members and Registered Clubs in all activities associated with the flying of model aircraft in the RSA.

**A. Hall Of Fame**

The Management Committee may, on the recommendation of SIGS elect any person to the Hall of Fame in recognition of:

1. (a) Gaining a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the World Championship events.
- (b) Setting the World Record
- (c) Contributing to the advancement of the SAMAA through: -
  - The media;
  - The hobby industry as manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer;
  - Developments in techniques, innovation in design;
  - Long-term participation in competition at International and/or National level.
2. (a) Nomination for the Hall of Fame may be made at any time but at least three months prior to the Annual General Meeting by any Ordinary Member, SIG or Club. This nominations shall be submitted directly to the General Secretary together with the appropriate citation, necessary information and supporting documents
- (b) Initially, nomination may be made retrospectively to honour past/deceased members who materially contributed to the advancement of model flying in South Africa.
3. The General Manager shall:
  - (a) Acknowledge receipt of such nomination to their source.
  - (b) Request any additional information required.
  - (c) Prepare additional information, statistics or records that may be available in SAMAA files.
  - (d) Make inquiries necessary of ordinary members or other sources to confirm the validity of a nomination and supporting data; such inquiries shall be made in strict confidence and without the identity of the nominee or nominator being made public;

- (e) Compile a dossier in suitable form for presentation to the Management Committee for discussion and recommendation. Such a dossier is to include a statement on the correctness of the nomination.
4. All voting for membership of Hall of Fame, other than those inducted under point 1(a) or (b), shall be decided by secret ballot and requires a 75% majority vote of the Management Committee Members.
5. The recommendation made by the Management Committee, shall be considered in the business of the next Management Committee Meeting.
6. If the recommendation is not accepted, no reasons need to be given to the Association Members.
7. No action by any Ordinary Member or its Officers or by any other body shall cause any nominations to be withheld from consideration by the AGM. Action by an Ordinary Member on a nomination referred to is limited to confirmation of detail or of answering queries directed by the General Manager.
8. The detail of any nomination shall be published in a supplement to the agenda of the Annual General Meeting and shall be distributed on the day of the meeting. It shall not be included in any agenda issued previously nor in any report or minutes of any meeting held before the AGM. If ratified at the AGM the recommendation is accepted.

**B. Museum**

1. Model aircraft have been flown in South Africa since the late twenties, with the first Aero Modelling Association being formed in 1934. Since those days of gliders and rubber power, many thousands of model aircraft have been built, crashed, dumped or whatever.
2. Now, with the advent and almost complete takeover by ARF (Almost Ready to FLY) models the true modeller is disappearing together with his creations. The thought is, that before it is too late, we should try to save, collect and restore some of those old Models and display them where the future generations can see them and marvel that people actually used to build models and not buy ARF's
3. Aircraft which have won competitions, competed in World events etc. could be collected. Aircraft engines could be collected and displayed, as could

photographs and paintings. Displays of earlier R/C equipment will always spark interest.

4. The names of members who were voted into the Hall of Fame could also, possibly, be displayed on one wall of the museum
5. There is no limit to the items and articles, which would be of interest to future modellers.
6. Funding and financing could be obtained from donations, bequests, sales of donated models and from an entrance fee charged to visitors etc.
7. The venue could initially be a room in the main office or possibly arrangements could be made using shared facilities with the Aero club or with Swartkops or the History Museum.

**C. Library**

1. There must be thousands of old books or magazines in circulation in South Africa. There must be just as many lying in attics.
2. Would it not be a plan that these be donated to SAMAA and be made available for use to members of the Association?
3. The library could be housed together with the Museum and could be funded by the selling of magazines, printing of plans, retrieval of information for members with a small charge being levied for these and other services.

**The ideas of a Hall of Fame, Museum and Library are essential if the past and present phases of aero modelling in South Africa are to be preserved.**

**We presently have no record of the past and in time we will regret it!**