

AMENDMENT #1 To the CHARTER and BYLAWS of the

RATHBUN RATHBONE RATHBURN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION (RRRIFA)

AWARDS PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE:

To honor individuals past and present who have preserved the family history and created a sense of community around the Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn family members who are descendants of John and Margaret Rathbun. By honoring these individuals we interest association members new and old in our family's heritage and encourage them to continue to celebrate their ancestry together.

II. AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA:

A. The Frank H. Rathbun Family History Award

This award is named for the editor of the Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn Family Historian, published from 1981 -1996. This award recognizes significant contributions to researching, writing, and disseminating our history. This award will be given to individuals who have contributed to the complete family history, as well as to those who have developed and disseminated the history of "branches" of the Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn family, for example, in Canada, or in Latin America, or in US regions. This award may only be bestowed once to an individual.

B. The RRRIFA Special Service Award:

This award recognizes continuous service to the association over a period of time which has had a visible impact. Service may be in the form of volunteering professional skills, planning reunions, outstanding participation in the running of reunions, outstanding contribution to communication, contribution to increase reunion attendance, to name just a few types of service. This award may only be bestowed no more than twice to a individual.

C. The President's Award:

The President may choose to give this award at his or her discretion. This award will recognize any outstanding contribution by an individual or someone who has made a recent important contribution.

III. The Awards:

The award for each category shall consist of a certificate proclaiming the award, a personal plaque engraved with the award name, year, and name of the recipient. The recipient name will also be engraved on a perpetual plaque listing prior winners of that award and will be displayed at RRRIFA reunions. The announcement and presentation of all awards will be at the discretion of the president, usually during the reunion. A gift may also be presented to the recipient if approved by the board.

IV. Nomination process for the Frank H. Rathbun Family History and the RRRIFA Service Awards:

The Board of Directors will select the first set of awardees for presentation at the 2013 reunion, through consultation by e-mail and phone.

The Board will designate a board member or officer to be in charge of the nomination process for the awards and for the presentation of the awards at the reunion.

Future nominees will be selected in the following ways. A nomination form for RRRIFA Honors will be included in the mailing and web posting of reunion registration material. The form will have a brief explanation of what each award is for, when the nomination is due (6 weeks before the start date of the reunion), how to return the form, a blank for the name of the nominee for each award, a space for a 50-100 word explanation of the reasons for the nomination (which may be used later in the presentation ceremony). The name of the nominator can remain anonymous.

Nominees for awards to be given at the next reunion may be solicited during the reunion and placed in an envelope that will be available at a registration or display table.

A nomination form may be made permanently available on the RRRIFA web site. It may also be published as a page in the newsletter.

To be valid, the nomination form must be complete.

Selection of recipients will be by the Board using a majority vote. The Board will not consider multiple nominations of the same individual as "votes". The Board will focus on the merit of the nominee's contribution when making its decision.

V. Recognition of the Reunion Planners:

Planning and executing the biennial RRRIFA reunion represents a significant commitment of time, resources, and personal energy. The names of the reunion planners along with the place and year of the reunion planned will be listed on a perpetual plaque to be displayed at all future RRRIFA reunions. The list will be started by listing those who planned reunions prior to 2013.

VI. Additional Gifts:

The Board may at its discretion present an additional gift to a recipient if it feels that person's contribution that enabled he or she to win their award was something special and outstanding.

Approved by the Board of Directors: March 1, 2013

Added to the Charter and ByLaws by vote of approval from attending members at RRRIFA family reunion July 15, 2013.