

## Mount Washington Observatory's Founders Award

### Background

The Mount Washington Observatory - "the home of the world's worst weather" – is a private, nonprofit, member-supported institution with a mission to advance understanding of the natural systems that create Earth's weather and climate.

The Mount Washington Observatory, on the summit of Mount Washington, was founded on October 15 1932, by four intrepid and visionary individuals: Bob Monahan, Sal Pagliuca, Alex McKenzie, and Joe Dodge. They recognized the value of a scientific facility at that demanding location. In April of 1934, observers measured a wind speed of 231 mph, which remains a world record for a surface station. In spite of the hardships imposed by their environment, observers since 1932 regularly monitor the weather under the auspices of the United States Weather Bureau, while also conducting landmark research.

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This award, given by the Mount Washington Trustees, recognizes individuals who have rendered exemplary service to the Mount Washington Observatory over a period of many years. It is the highest form of recognition and honor that the historic Observatory gives to any individual. While it is awarded at the Annual Meeting, it is an award that is only given when there is a clear and deserving recipient.

### Process

Nominations can be made by any Mount Washington Observatory member.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Observatory's current Board of Trustee Chair by March 1 of each year. They will then be reviewed by the Observatory's Executive Committee. If there are names still under consideration, they will then be discussed by the full Board of Trustees, and final decisions reached by May 1 of each year.

Nominations made to the Board of Trustees Chair should include supporting material that clearly shows why an individual should be considered for this award, and supporting letters from at least three current or former Observatory Trustees and/or employees.

### Criteria

Trustees, staff members, supporters and/or volunteers are eligible for consideration.

Recipients should have demonstrated unique or notable exemplary service to the benefit of the Observatory over a period of many years.