



# *Avocational Palaeontology Award*

## **Nomination Package**

Great discoveries are made, and great things are done, by people who have no formal training in paleontology but who are passionate about ancient life, fossils, and the preservation of fossil sites. Whether it is donating a fossil collection to an institution, protecting and/or maintaining a site of paleontological importance, volunteering in fossil prep or outreach, or fundraising to build a fossil museum, avocational paleontologists play a huge role in the Canadian palaeontology community.

The PD Division has created a new award to recognize the role of avocational paleontology in Canada. This new, yet unnamed, award will recognize and celebrate the contributions of non-professional paleontologists to the field, helping to send the message that avocational palaeologists of all ages are important and valued. The new Avocational Paleontologist Award will be the fourth award offered by the Division, along with the Billings Medal for Lifetime Achievement, the Pikaia Award for Early Career Researchers, and the Thomas E. Bolton Award for an exceptional student presentation at CPC. The awards will be offered in a three-year cycle, excepting the Bolton Award which will be awarded annually at CPC.

To nominate someone for the Avocational Palaeontologist Award please e-mail completed nomination packages to [curator@dinomuseum.ca](mailto:curator@dinomuseum.ca) by **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Include '*Avocational Palaeontologist Award Nomination*' in the subject heading.

Each nomination package should include:

- Completed nomination page
- Signed declaration from the nominee that they are in good standing to receive the award
- Two references who can speak to the nominee's contributions to palaeontology. Please ensure these references are available for, and aware of, a potential phone call or e-mail communication during October 2022.
- A 300-word citation. (Why does this person deserve this award?)

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## Nomination Page

Name of nominee:

Address of nominee:

E-mail address of nominee:

Phone number of nominee:

Name of nominator:

Address of nominator:

E-mail address of nominator:

Phone number of nominator:

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## Ethical Professional Conduct

As a daughter society of the Geological Association of Canada, the Palaeontological Division abides by the [GAC Code of Ethics](#). Any Palaeontological Division awardees are thusly expected to meet all expectations outlined in this code. *By submitting this application the nominee certifies that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the GAC Code of Ethics.*

Has the nominee been the subject of a filed allegation, complaint, investigation, sanction or other legal, civil or institutional proceeding, or are you currently the subject of such proceedings, in which your professional conduct is at issue?

- Yes (*If yes, the nominee will be contacted for a professional discussion regarding the details of the complaint.*)
- No

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## Citation

*Please use the following space to explain, in 300 words or less, why this nominee is deserving of this award.*

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## References

Name of reference #1:

Address of reference #1:

E-mail address of reference #1:

Phone number of reference #1:

Name of reference #2:

Address of reference #2:

E-mail address of reference #2:

Phone number of reference #2:

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