

The Paxton Award Selection Process

The Paxton Award, created in honor and memory of W. Norris Paxton, past president of the International Association of Torch Clubs (IATC) and editor emeritus of Torch, is given to the author of an outstanding paper presented by a Torch member at a Torch meeting.

The winning author for the award received an appropriate trophy, a \$250 honorarium, and paid registration to the IATC Convention of that year, wherever it may be.

The winner will be introduced at the Convention banquet where he or she (or a designated representative) will deliver the paper at the Convention Dinner.

Eligibility: The author must be a member of a Torch club. The paper must have been delivered to a Torch club meeting or a regional Torch meeting between January 1, of one year and December 31 of the following year (inclusive), and be submitted to the IATC Office by the February 15 of that year. Current officers and directors of IATC are ineligible for this award during their terms of office.

Procedure: All papers to be published in Torch should be sent to the IATC Office, Attn. James Coppinger, Executive Secretary, 2917 Duchess Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, along with the current Manuscript Submission Form (available from the club secretary or IATC Office), duly signed by the author and a club officer.

Paxton candidates will be selected by the Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC) from all papers submitted for publication in Torch. The Paxton Award Committee will consider the EAC recommended 2013 papers in the spring of 2014 to determine the 2014 award winner.

Judging:

The reading and judging panel comprises five people: a member of the Board of Directors of the IATC, one of the last five winners of the Paxton Award, a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee, and two members selected by the IATC Board of Directors. Judging is based on the principles set forth in the IATC brochure "The Torch Paper," available from the IATC Office, and the "Manuscript Submission Suggestions" at the Publications link of the IATC website www.torch.org.

The winner of the Paxton Award and other contestants will be notified early in May of that year.

Additional Information:

A publishable Torch paper should be approximately 3,000 words in length.
Local clubs are not allowed to submit papers directly for Paxton consideration.
The Paxton Award paper will be published in the Fall issue of Torch.