

TWIPY Committee Conference Call

11/16/20, 8:00PM-10:00PM Eastern

Committee members present:

- Jeff Patterson
- Will Oetting
- Steve Bowden
- Joel Reeves
- Lloyd Olsen
- Imoto Harney
- Josh Sharpe

Explanation of the Goals of the TWIPYs (A Celebration of the Hobby)

Discussion of likely holding the TWIPYs virtually again

Explanation of the main goals of the TWIPY Committee

- How to best maintain the integrity of voting process
 - Collect email address and several other variables that are used to determine duplicate votes
- Discuss which pinball machines should be eligible
- Discuss categories should be included
- Discuss best options for the TWIPY awards show
- How to best promote the voting process to maximize votes
- How to best promote the awards show
- After votes are received, review votes to inspect for validity and verify results

Importance of the Committee

- Importance of Committee member input
- If the Committee does not agree we'll do a vote
- Starting in 2020, the plan to release minutes of our meetings

Voting Process

- Pre-voting on Write-In categories: December 1-10
- After we get the votes in, I'll send you all the raw data
- We'll check for any "fishy" voting activity
- We'll discuss any write in votes that are hard to decipher

Discussion of new voting process - people will choose their top two (write-ins) or top three (January voting), points are added to determine nominees and winners. Points will be two points for 1st pick and one point for 2nd pick for write-ins, and will be three points for 1st pick, two points for 2nd pick, and one point for third pick for January voting.

Discussion on "Write-ins" to be included and excluded. Favorite Pinball Tournament/Competition, Favorite Pinball Competitor, and Favorite Pinball League will be removed for 2020 because of the lack of events due to the pandemic.

Write-in categories for 2020 will be:

- Favorite Pinball Streamer
- Favorite Pinball Podcast
- Favorite Pinball YouTube Channel
- Favorite Pinball Mod of 2020
- Favorite Home Brew Pinball Machine
- Rookie of the Year
- Favorite Pinball Website
- Favorite Pinball Publication or Article
- Favorite Pinball Location
- Favorite Pinball Virtual Event
- Favorite Pinball Topper of 2020

Game categories for 2020 will be:

- Best Theme – Based on THEME ONLY
- Best Animations and Display
- Best Lightshow
- Best Toys and Gimmicks
- Best Theme Integration
- Best Music and Sound Effects
- Best Callouts
- Best Rules
- Best Playfield Gameplay and Layout
- Best Artwork
- Game of the Year

Eligible pinball machines will be:

- Guns N' Roses
- Avengers
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Heist
- Hot Wheels
- Rick and Morty
- Stranger Things
- Ranger in the Ruins (Theme, Rules, Lightshow, Animations and Display, Music and Sound Effects, Callouts)
- Star Wars Comic Art Pin (Artwork)
- *NOTE: Celts will be included for next year, it is not eligible this year.*

Eligibility document

- 2020 Eligibility document attached
- Will be tweaked and improved every year