

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE HALLER AWARD

## FOR OUTSTANDING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING IN MASONRY

### ELIGIBILITY

The Haller Award recognizes an individual engineer or engineering firm that has enhanced the knowledge of masonry in practice. This award recognizes the beauty, elegance and economy of structural masonry. Examples of such enhancement include overcoming design challenges, identifying applications that incorporate the potential advantages of masonry, and detailing masonry so it is easy to construct. Nominees may be at any stage in their career, and nominations may be made posthumously.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be evaluated based on the extent to which the nominee has enhanced the knowledge of masonry in practice. Nominees who are not selected will remain in the pool of nominees, without limit.

### AWARD PACKAGE

- A wall plaque
- One year's free membership of The Masonry Society (TMS) at the Professional Level
- An article about the winner(s), written by the Haller Award Committee, published in the TMS E-Newsletter and in other venues dedicated to structural engineering in general and to structural masonry in particular;
- An invitation to speak at a TMS Annual Meeting about their work; and
- One year's free listing in the TMS Consultant/Speaker Directory.

### RECOGNITION OF NOMINEES

All Nominees will receive a letter from the Haller Award Committee acknowledging their nomination, recognizing the contributions that led to it, and informing them of the selection process. If the nominator is someone other than the nominee, the letter will identify the nominator.

### HOW TO NOMINATE

Individuals may be nominated by submitting the attached nomination form, accompanied by a brief essay (250-word maximum) describing the ways in which the nominee has enhanced the knowledge of masonry in practice. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Questions regarding the Haller Award will be answered by calling TMS at 303-939-9700.

### ABOUT PAUL HALLER

Professor Paul Haller was a dynamic engineer who helped revolutionize the design of structural masonry. Haller was born on March 7, 1902 in Zurich, Switzerland. He was formally educated at the Federal Technical University in Zurich, graduating in 1924.



After graduation, Haller worked as a practicing design engineer for several years, and then he joined the Swiss Federal Laboratory for Materials and Research. While there, he conducted extensive testing on masonry walls because after the second World War, concrete and steel materials were scarce throughout Europe. During his career, he tested over 1600 brick masonry walls, and the data from those experiments were used in the design and construction of an 18-story load-bearing brick building that consisted of walls from 12 to 15 inches in thickness. Such tall, thin walls caused nothing less than a revolution in the structural use of masonry since for the first time, a rational design method for structural masonry became possible.

In 1949, Professor Haller joined the engineering faculty at his alma mater and he became a full professor in 1966. Professor Haller retired in 1967 to enter private practice as a forensic engineer. In 1987, he died at the age of 85.



## THE 2011 HALLER AWARD OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Submit via email, fax or mail. Accompany with a brief essay (250-word maximum).  
Submit by the deadline below

This constitutes an official nomination for the 2011 Haller Award. I understand that submission of a nomination implies permission for TMS to publish any or all submitted information. I have attached a brief essay (maximum 250 words) indicating how the Nominee(s) have enhanced the knowledge of masonry in practice.

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

The following person(s) or firm is being nominated for consideration for The Haller Award:

Name of Nominee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(If a firm is being nominated instead of one or more individuals, list "N/A" above)

Present Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

(If a firm is being nominated instead of one or more individuals, list "N/A" above)

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL, FAX, OR MAIL THIS NOMINATION FORM WITH A BRIEF ESSAY TO:**

**The Masonry Society  
3970 Broadway, Suite 201-D  
Boulder, CO 80304-1135 USA  
Phone 303-939-9700 Fax 303-541-9215  
E-Mail: [info@masonrysociety.org](mailto:info@masonrysociety.org)**

### SCHEDULE FOR 2011 HALLER AWARD

30 June 2011 Deadline for submission of nominations to TMS

12 November 2011 Presentation of Haller Award at 2011 TMS Annual Meetings in San Antonio, Texas