**Section 305.40 Selection Criteria**

a) The selection committee shall consider outstanding contributions in the field of agriculture in one or more of (but not limited to) the following areas:

1) Agricultural Communications

2) Agricultural Economics/Marketing

3) Agricultural Engineering

4) Agricultural Genetics

5) Animal Science

6) Biotechnology

7) Conservation Practices

8) Crop Science

9) Environmental Practices

10) Fertilizer and Chemicals

11) Food Science

12) Horticulture

13) Legal and Legislative

14) Education or Extension

15) Research

16) Product Development

17) Person who has been involved in production agriculture consecutively for 50 or more years.

b) Major contribution shall have been accomplished in Illinois.

c) In addition, the Selection Committee shall consider the accomplishment or combination of accomplishments of the candidate regarding agriculture or the agricultural industry that may be of a personal nature, such as the enhancement of community relations or an active involvement in agriculture.