Alexander A. Nikolsky Honorary Lectureship Guidelines

1. The Society’s Alexander A. Nikolsky Honorary Lectureship shall be awarded to a person who reflects the highest ideals, goals, and achievements in the field of vertical flight aircraft engineering and development.

2. The recipient of the Honorary Lectureship shall present a lecture to the Society covering a selected aspect of vertical flight development. The Lecture will be presented at the Annual Forum and a written version of this lecture must be submitted to the Journal of AHS for publication.

3. The recipient of the Honorary Lectureship will be presented with a medallion and a certificate at the Annual Awards Banquet.

4. The Honorary Lecturer will be encouraged to present the Lecture at as many Vertical Flight Society Chapter and Student Chapter meetings in the various regions within their means as practical. [In exceptional circumstances a small stipend for this travel may be provided by VFS or the Vertical Flight Foundation.]

5. The selection of the Honorary Lecturer will be made by the Awards Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. Selection will be made prior to the winter meeting (October) of the Board and will be subject to approval by the Board.

6. The basis for selection will include [Nominees using this form should check off, indicating understanding of these requirements]:

- The significance of the proposed subject matter for the lecture.
- The appropriateness of the proposed subject matter to the selected lecturer.
- The ability and willingness of the selected lecturer to compose a distinguished archival document.
- The distinguished career of the lecturer.
- The ability and willingness of the lecturer to present the lecture to the various regions.

7. Nominations may only be submitted by active Society members on the official Honorary Lectureship Nomination Form. The Nomination Form should include a brief, but complete, list of the nominees’ qualifications and may include suggestions as to the subject matter. However, final determination of the subject matter will be made by the Awards Committee and the recipient.
The Vertical Flight Society (VFS) Alexander A. Nikolsky Lectureship was instituted in 1981 and is given to an individual who has a highly distinguished career in vertical flight aircraft research and development and is skilled at communicating their technical knowledge and experience. The selection of the lecturer is based on the individual’s distinguished career, the significance and appropriateness of the subject matter, the lecturer’s ability to compose an archival lecture document and the lecturer’s willingness to present the lecture to the Society’s various regions.

The selection of the recipient will be made by the VFS Awards Committee. In the event there should not be a qualified candidate in the opinion of the committee, the award will not be bestowed for that year.

Nominations may only be submitted by active members of the Society and should be submitted online at www.vtol.org/awards. [If online submission is not possible, please use the below form.] The nomination should include a brief, but complete list of the individual’s qualifications and may include suggestions as to the subject matter; however, final determination of the subject matter will be made by the Awards Committee and the recipient. Additional supporting documents and endorsements are necessary due to the extremely competitive selection process for this award.

The award consists of a medallion and a certificate which will be presented at the VFS Annual Forum and Technology Display. The lecture will be presented at the Annual Forum and the written version will be published in the Society’s Journal.

Nominations must be received by VFS Headquarters by the deadline in order to allow the recipient ample time to prepare the lecture. The recipient will be notified following ratification by the Board of Directors at the October board meeting.

Nominee’s Full Name: ____________________________________________
Nominee’s Employer: ____________________________________________
Nominee’s Job Title: ____________________________________________
Nominee’s Business Address: _____________________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________ Country: __________
Nominee’s Business Tel.: __________________ Fax: ______________ Email: __________________
Nominee’s Proposed Topic: _______________________________________

PLEASE ATTACH A WRITTEN PACKAGE SUMMARIZING MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Submitted By (Please Print): _______________________________________
Affiliation: ___________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________ Country: __________
Work Tel.: ______________ Fax: __________________ Email: __________________

(Additional pages may be used if necessary)