

Background

Life membership is a special membership, confirmed at an Annual General Meeting, for meritorious service by Members or Committee Members (Clause 5 (1) (d) of the Association's Constitution).

Nomination Process

In accordance with Clause 5 (1) (d) of the Association's Constitution, an application for Life Membership is to be submitted to the RCSA Committee at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting so that the merits of the application can be considered and then can be presented by the Committee on behalf of the applicant to the AGM, whereupon a debate and subsequent vote by the membership to endorse be called.

Submissions should provide sufficient details on the background of the person being nominated, their history and involvement with the Association, and the merits of their work.

Guidelines

The Committee has adopted the following guidelines when considering an application for Life Membership. These are the Committee's guidelines only and do not limit the AGM's power to determine the application for Life Membership.

In considering the award of Life Membership the Committee will review the meritorious service of the nominee who should have in some way demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Association.

The points to be taken into account when considering meritorious service of any nomination should include:

- The nominee should be a natural person;
- The nominee must have completed a minimum number of years of service to the Association considered appropriate by the Committee and should ideally still be making a significant ongoing contribution to the benefit of the Association;
- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Association;
- Commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship;
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Association.

Satisfaction of the above requirements does not automatically confer the granting of Life Membership and the selection process is outlined below. These requirements are merely to be used as a guide in the assessment of the nominee.

Selection Process

Following the submission of the nomination in accordance with Clause 5 (1) (d) of the Association's Constitution, the RCSA Committee will consider the merits of the application.

Following the Committee's consideration, the application is presented by the Committee to the Members at the AGM for debate.

Subject to Clause 19 (1) of the Association's Constitution, each Member present in person or by proxy at a general meeting is entitled to a deliberative vote.

The Award

The recipient will receive invitations to special events;
The recipient will receive a Life Member's Lapel Badge;
The recipient will have their name on the "Life Members Honour Board".