

Subject	Life Membership
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Guidelines for nominating and awarding Life membership of NEPG.

Life membership is a recognized membership category within the current NEPG club constitution (Rules of Association).

The definition under 5. 1. b. Membership of the association is open to b). any person on whom the association has bestowed honorary or life membership (which may be granted in recognition of some outstanding service to the association of photography). A motion for honorary or life membership may be passed only by a simple majority at a general meeting.

Life members receive full membership rights and privileges, and are registered with WAPF as club members, but are exempt from NEPG membership fees and the club pays their WAPF registration fees.

To assist those who wish to nominate life members, and to provide consistency in assessing nominations, the following guidelines are proposed for awarding life membership in the NEPG.

Criteria for life membership.

1. Length of service. Service may be outstanding due to length or level of contribution. Normally, the period of service should be more than 10 years in aggregate, although this may be less in exceptional circumstances where the contribution is outstanding.
2. Quality of service. The contribution would typically involve playing an active executive committee role for a major part of that 10 year aggregate (e.g. President, Secretary, Treasurer or Competition Director). As an alternative to committee roles, the service may be through the provision or technical maintenance of club facilities. For example, by making or maintaining essential club facilities or by donating specialist expertise relating to club activities.
3. The person must not have brought the club into disrepute nor contributed to prolonged internal conflict
4. The person must have earned the respect of the majority of the current life members and current committee members. This is assessed by a ballot of a group consisting of current committee members plus current life members. Every endeavour must be made to include all current committee and life members in the decision process.

The process:

Nominations are to be made in writing and signed by at least 2 club members and sent to the secretary or president. Providing the nominee meets the criteria outlined above, their nomination will be put to the membership for a vote at the next AGM according to 5.1.b.