



Australian Lacrosse Referees Association (Victoria)

Life Members
Nomination, Criteria, Assessment & Selection

Policy

At the ALRA(V) meeting of the 18th July 2017, in Item 4. *Previous Minutes*, 4.2. *Action Points from previous meetings*, point 2 it was decided that this policy be accepted.

2. Life Membership Policy
Version 3.1 (*refer attachment 1*) circulated for final comment and potentially approval/acceptance at the this meeting.
G Elder proposed that this version of the policy be accepted.
The proposal was seconded by K Minerds.
Passed. **Action;** SG to issue final version and publish it to appropriate repository.

Definitions

Life Member; A living Life Member of ALRA (Vic).

Active Life Member; a Referee or Assessor fulfilling such a role in the current year or season.

Life Membership Committee or Committee; a group established with the intention of assessing a nominated ALRA (Vic) member's worthiness to become a Life Member.

Chairman; The Life Member chairing the Committee, who shall be the longest serving Active Life Member.

Member; a member of the Committee.

Nominee; the member being considered.

Sponsor; A Life Member supporting the nomination.

Process

Nomination

- Nomination for Life Membership can come from any member of ALRA (Vic); however, the nomination must be Sponsored by a Life Member.
- The Nominee should not be aware of his nomination.
- Any nomination for Life Membership shall be made by the 31st August, given the Annual General Meeting occurs in November.
- The Sponsor, should advise the Chairman that a nomination has been received.

The Life Membership Committee

- The Chairman will assemble a Life Membership Committee; comprising of a Chairman and two other Life Members (active or inactive).
- All Members should be aware that it is not necessary for Life Membership to be granted each year.

Number of Life Memberships to be considered in a year

- All Members should be aware that it is not necessary for Life Membership to be granted each year.
- Should there be more than one nomination then each should be considered in turn with a preliminary secret ballot to be taken to determine which nomination is to take precedent. The preliminary vote is NOT a vote of worthiness of the Nominee against the criteria, but merely a way of determining which nomination is the one to be considered and voted upon first.

- In the case of the need for a preliminary vote it is considered appropriate for the Chairman to collect the vote, count it and announce which Nominee will be considered and voted upon first.
- In the unusual circumstance where the Committee members considers more than one candidate is worthy, the Committee may determine that two Life Memberships are awarded. However, this must be only in extremely special circumstances, and no more than two can be awarded in any year. Alternatively, should a Committee find it has two worthy candidates for Life Membership, it may consider making a recommendation to the following years Committee that one nomination be carried forward to the next year. Such a recommendation should then be considered by the following Committee separately and prior to any other nominations for that year.
- The responsibility should be on the outgoing Chairman to ensure any such recommendation is received by the incoming Chairman for action.

The Sponsor

- It shall the responsibility of the Sponsor to present evidence to the Committee regarding the Nominee that will allow an informed decision, based upon the criteria set out below, of the worthiness of the Nominee for Life Membership of ALRA (Vic). The onus is on the Sponsor to ensure the Committee members have enough information about the Nominee.

Consideration and Deliberation

- Once a nomination has been received by the Committee and the Sponsor has presented his information and all questions answered and comments made, a majority of Life Members should be canvassed to ascertain their views on the suitability or otherwise of the Nominee.

Criteria

- At the meeting to decide on the nomination the Committee shall, consider the following criteria, determine the Nominees worthiness. The emphasis in this determination should be heavily on critical appraisal of the level of service to ALRA required to be a Life Member.

- If there is any doubt of such a level of service being achieved or lack of information about a Nominee that makes such a conclusion impossible, then the Committee Members should consider voting in the negative.
- The criteria for consideration are as follows;
 - The Nominee should also have had at least 10 years' overall membership with ALRA.
 - There are four areas of service to ALRA;
 - Officiating (state/national/international).
 - Assessing/Coaching/Training.
 - Administration at either state or national level.
 - General contribution (including fund-raising, supporting and other issues that the Committee may see as relevant).
- The Nominee must have an outstanding contribution in at least one of the areas of service and at least some contribution in two others or a contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Committee.
- In determining the level of significance, the Committee members should consider this in the light of a very high quality service. While a reasonable length of time (to be determined by the Committee) of service is important, the overriding criteria is quality of service.

The Decision

- When sufficient information has been gathered to allow an informed decision, a secret ballot shall be conducted by the Committee.
- The Chairman should take the final votes and count them; a simple majority is the decider. Given the importance of the decision the Committee should take into consideration the views of the majority of Life Members.
- Should the nomination be successful the Nominee shall be advised and requested to provide a brief history of themselves and their involvement in the sport for use at the AGM.