

Nominating Members for Honorary Membership Status

Article Three of the MMC Constitution defines an Honorary member as "one whom the Club wishes to honor." The By-Laws (Article One-Membership; Section 3.) states: "Sustaining or Honorary Membership - May be nominated at any regular meeting with the prior approval of the Board of Directors and may be confirmed by the majority of those voting. ...Sustaining or Honorary members are elected for life."

This policy establishes a process for the Board to recognize and reward members whose contributions to the Club merit Honorary Membership status. This does not require the Board to award Honorary status each year. It simply means that the Board should formally consider whether and to whom to award Honorary status each year.

Process:

- Every year, the November Board meeting should include "Honorary Membership Nominations" as an agenda item and Board members should, if they wish, propose one or more members for Honorary status. Each proposal should be accompanied by a detailed explanation of why the member(s) deserve(s) Honorary status.
- Every year, during the December Board meeting, Board members vote whether to approve any candidate(s) proposed for Honorary status.
- During the December General meeting, any candidate(s) that the Board has recommended for Honorary status will be voted upon by the membership for approval.
- Members granted Honorary status will receive a letter signed by the President congratulating them on their new status and thanking them for their commitment/contributions to the MMC. The honoree(s) should be encouraged to attend the January banquet to be recognized by the membership at that time. Their status change will be posted to the Membership List (ensuring no future dues payments are due and reimbursing any dues already paid for the upcoming year) and their award will be announced in the January RRN.
- The Secretary, as the Club's "calendar keeper" will add "Honorary Membership Nominations" as an agenda item to each year's November Board meeting agenda and, if appropriate, to December's agenda also.