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"Fights for fairer access to land in NSW and represents the interests of prospectors and fossickers"

NAPFA Policy for Awarding Honorary Memberships.

Introduction

NAPFA provides a service to the Prospectors and Fossickers of NSW and the ACT, and represents them and their interests as a peak body at various levels.

To do so as a voluntary organisation, the contribution, commitment, and service to NAPFA and its members by individuals (both members and non-members) is essential to the running of, and effectiveness of the association.

Those efforts are appreciated and recognised by NAPFA, and its members.

Objectives

Where valued service and achievements are at the highest levels, they may be recognised by NAPFA with the awarding of an honorary membership.

This policy is to provide opportunities for NAPFA to recognise and reward individuals:

- (a) For service to NAPFA and/or the Prospecting and Fossicking community, where their dedication, efforts and results are significantly above that which is expected.
- (b) Whose experience, reputation and achievements involving the Prospecting and Fossicking community are valued highly, and are beneficial for NAPFA to have them as a member.

Granting of honorary memberships by NAPFA's elected committee is permitted in NAPFA's constitution Sec 3 (5) which states "The committee may grant honorary memberships in which case nomination and payment of annual fee would not be required."

The aim of this policy is to ensure awarding those individuals is expressed clearly from all members with the sincerest gratitude from NAPFA, and instil a worthy tradition to be followed and honoured by others.

Categories of NAPFA Honorary Memberships

Honorary Memberships may be awarded annually as an “Annual Honorary Membership”, or for Life as a “Life Membership”.

Annual Honorary Memberships:

- (a) Shall have a term of 1 membership year as per Part 2 NAPFA constitution;
- (b) Are for individuals whose current service, contributions or reputation are valued and beneficial for NAPFA while these are being performed;
- (c) Automatically cease at the end of membership year awarded;
- (d) May be awarded in any number of successive years continuously; and
- (e) Are to be awarded at the NAPFA AGM from that point in time onwards until the end of the following membership year.

Life Memberships:

- (a) Have an unlimited term, and are for the life of the awardee;
- (b) Are for individuals who have contributed outstanding or long service to NAPFA and/or the Prospecting and Fossicking community, that will be forever valued; and
- (c) Are to be awarded at the NAPFA AGM from that point in time onwards.

Honorary Members are bound by the NAPFA constitution and have the rights of a normal member, except where nomination and payment of the annual fee is not required as per the NAPFA constitution Part 3(5).

Nominations

Nominations for honorary memberships:

- (a) May be made by any member of the association;
- (b) May be seconded by other members of the association;
- (c) Must be in writing addressed to the committee; and
- (d) Must address the criteria as set out below, and demonstrate how the individual meets each these, citing examples.

All nominations received are to be tabled on the next committee meeting agenda, unless a current committee member is nominated, whereby the rest of the committee shall meet and assess the nomination independently.

The member making the submission is to be notified of receipt of the submission and their name is to be recorded. Details of all nominations are to be kept confidential within the committee.

The committee is to assess the merits of any nomination using the criteria below. In its decision whether or not to award an honorary membership, the committee:

- (a) Has no set time frame to make a decision;
- (b) May decide not to make an award for any reason whatsoever, even if all criteria are met; and
- (c) May decide to make an award based on any past submission from previous years.

All aspects of the committee’s decisions, discussion and research into a nomination is to be kept confidential, and details are only released if a nominee is given an award.

Criteria

To maintain consistency and to uphold the high standards expected, the criteria used to nominate and award honorary memberships is set out below.

Eligibility requires that a person must have:

- (a) Performed outstanding service to the Prospectors and Fossickers of NSW and the ACT;
- (b) Been recognised to continually uphold all aspects of NAPFA's mission statement;
- (c) Service, contribution or a reputation that is highly valued and beneficial to NAPFA; and
- (d) Been eligible to hold a normal membership of NAPFA.

In addition, it is expected that a person, will need to have demonstrated at a highly recognised level at least two of the following:

- (e) Outstanding support or actions for two or more of NAPFA's goals;
- (f) Consistent long-term support or service to NAPFA;
- (g) Promoted or protected the History, Heritage and Future of Prospecting and Fossicking;
- (h) Actively been involved in educating and assisting individual Prospectors and Fossickers;
- (i) Achieved a significant innovation, invention or development for Prospectors and Fossickers;
- (j) Recognised to have made a significant mineral discovery.

Sufficient details and examples are to be provided for each of the criteria met in support of the nomination. The NAPFA committee must be satisfied that these are correct, and that the nominee meets the eligibility. In the case of an award being made these details are to be announced to members at the award presentation.

In consideration of making an award the committee will see that:

- (a) The nominee will continue to demonstrate the same behaviours in the future;
- (b) There are no negative issues involving the nominee;
- (c) NAPFA members would support the award overwhelmingly; and
- (d) Members and others will consider that the awardee has made a "golden effort".

Making an Award

In the event of an award being made the Committee will:

- (a) Record the details in the NAPFA register of members and note the waiver of the membership fee for the awardee as per Part 3 (5) of the constitution;
- (b) Source a framed NAPFA award certificate for the awardee;
- (c) Keep the details confidential until the award is presented; and
- (d) Arrange for the award to be presented at the next NAPFA AGM.

In the event of an award being made, the committee may notify an awardee that they have been nominated for a NAPFA award, so as the committee can entice them to attend the AGM. However the type of award nominated for is not to be disclosed, nor the committee's decision to make the award.