



Honorary/Honorary Lifetime Memberships (FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

I've never heard of these before, when did it start?

- The Honorary and Honorary Lifetime Memberships were created with the 2022 NESA bylaws update.

How many have been granted since then?

- Two members received this recognition in 2024.

Who can nominate someone?

- Any NESA member holding a current membership may prepare and submit a nomination.

What is the purpose of having these memberships?

- The **Honorary** Membership is intended to celebrate both members and non-members who have contributed significant service in areas such as fundraising, governance, human resources, information technology, programming or events over the course of a minimum of 5 years.
- The **Honorary Lifetime** Membership is intended to celebrate NESA members who have made an ongoing exceptional contribution to NESA over the course of 10 years.
- Post-humous nominations are not eligible for these memberships.

How does it work?

- The nominator completes the form in full and submits it to the NESA office.
- The President names a task team of three board directors who will review the nomination and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- The task team then makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- For an approved nomination, the President will seek indication of the nominee's willingness to accept the membership and will also receive a letter from the President offering congratulations.
- Gold members are eligible to submit a nomination and are eligible to receive and hold an Honorary or Honorary Lifetime membership while retaining their Gold status.

What do these members receive?

- **Honorary** memberships will be assigned an expiry date and until then will not need to pay an annual membership fee. If the recipient is not a member of NESA, they may attend general meetings but will not be entitled to a vote at these meetings.
- **Honorary Lifetime** memberships will receive their membership for their lifetime and will be entitled to attend and one vote at general meetings of the Association.

Who makes the decision and what are the criteria?

- The decision will be made by the Board of Directors.
- Nominations for the **Honorary** Membership must be supported by signature of 5 current NESAs; nominations for the **Honorary Lifetime** Membership must be supported by signature of 10 current NESAs.
- Nominators are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to fully inform the task team of the exceptional service provided by the individual.
- In general, members are not eligible for nomination while holding the elected position of Director on the Board.

Is there a limit on the number of these memberships NESAs can award?

- No, each nomination will be reviewed on its own merit and awarded by decision of the Board of Directors.

How do I go about nominating someone?

- The nomination form is available online or at the Front Desk and provides full information and due date.

Will there be a ceremony when they are granted?

- The awarding of these memberships will be celebrated at an appropriate function such as at a volunteer recognition event and the recipient will be presented with a framed certificate.

Who can I call or speak with if I have any further questions?

- Contact should be made with the NESAs Front Desk who will take your name and number and have someone call you.