



Life Membership Nominations

The Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association (ASLIA) is a non-profit body and the national peak organisation representing the needs and interests of Sign Language Interpreters in Australia. ASLIA's vision is to lead and promote sign language interpreting across Australia.

ASLIA Life Membership is an honour bestowed to members who have rendered special or invaluable services to the organisation well beyond that of a typical member, either at a state or national level. Life membership will only be awarded to a person following consideration of the nomination by the prescribed panel. A life member is entitled without payment of any subscriptions or other monies to all privileges of a financial member of the ASLIA. It is not necessary for life memberships to be awarded every year.

Life Membership Nomination Process

Any ASLIA member can recommend another member for ASLIA Life Membership. This must be done using the prescribed nomination form, seconded by another member, and submitted to the ASLIA Board for consideration.

Upon receipt of the nomination form, the Board would notify the nominee's State branch that a nomination for Life Membership had been received. The Board will forward the State branch President and Secretary a Deed of Confidentiality for each to complete and return. In the event that the nominee is either President or Secretary of the same State branch then the Vice-President, Treasurer, or other committee member will be contacted.

Upon receipt of the two Deeds of Confidentiality, the Board will forward the nomination to the President and Secretary (or alternative if required) of the nominee's state branch. These two individuals are then expected to investigate the

veracity of the nomination and report back to the Board (using the prescribed form) if the nomination is, in their view, sustained or not.

Upon receipt of the State branch's recommendation on the status of the nomination, the Awards Panel will then consider the nomination and come to their own conclusion if Life Membership will be conferred. If the nominee is a member of the Board, then they will stand down from the Panel and a third member appointed. Consideration will be made using the prescribed assessment tool. Upon reaching their decision, the Awards Panel will notify the ASLIA Board of the outcome.

If the result is in the affirmative, the nominee (not the nominators) will be notified of the intent to confer Life Membership and a request for their presence at the next AGM will be made. In keeping with other Honours processes, the nominators will not be notified of the outcome of their nomination.

If the result is in the negative, no further action will be taken. This will ensure that the nominee will not be aware of their unsuccessful nomination.

Nomination for Life Membership Guidelines

Eligibility

The nominee must be a member of ASLIA who has given exceptional and outstanding service to ASLIA. Please see Assessment Criteria.

Nominations

All nominations for life membership of ASLIA are to be made using the prescribed form, giving the details of the person nominated and outlining the reasons for the nomination. Nominations must be made and seconded by current ASLIA members. Nominations for consideration at the current year's AGM close six (6) calendar weeks before that year's AGM.

Criteria

It is important for the nomination form to be completed as fully as possible, fully citing as many examples as possible of the contribution of the nominee to ASLIA and the profession. It is important to keep in mind that the examples highlight how the nominee has gone above and beyond what could reasonably be expected of a member and why their contribution is worthy of recognition through life membership

of ASLIA. Careful consideration should be made by nominators who should realise that it is an exceptional circumstance for life membership to be conferred.

The key elements that will be taken into account in awarding Life Membership are:

- an ongoing commitment to ASLIA over many years, either at a state or national level
- contributions to ASLIA which have enhanced its standing within its membership, the Deaf community and the wider community
- contributions to ASLIA and the profession that have seen significant enhancement to the profession of Auslan/English interpreting (e.g. participation on ASLIA internal interpreting-related committees participation on external committees, NAATI committees, interpreter training, etc.)
- commitment which does not seek personal reward, and
- a high level of recognition from the ASLIA membership of the nominee's work for ASLIA over a number of years

Assessment

The Board Executive shall convene a Life Membership Awards Panel as required. The Panel shall consist of members of the ASLIA Board as well as two representatives from State Branches. In the event that the nominee is an ASLIA Board member, then they will stand down and a third member appointed.

The decision about the nomination will be made in accordance with the assessment criteria following a prescribed scoring format and will be finalised 6 weeks prior to the current year's AGM. Any recommendations from the Panel will include in its consideration the in-confidence approval or rejection of the nomination by the nominee's state branch President and Secretary. The decision of the ASLIA Board, through the Awards Panel, is final and correspondence will not be entered into.

Enquiries to info@aslia.com.au



Life Membership Nomination Form

Nominee Details

Title:	
Given Name:	
Surname:	
Branch:	
Contact number:	
Email:	

Basis of Nomination

In a separate document, as an attachment, please explain why the nominee should be considered for life membership. Remember to include as much detail as possible to demonstrate how the person's contribution is significant. (Maximum of 1,000 words).

Nominator and Seconder Details

We, as current ASLIA members, declare that the information in this form is true to the best of our knowledge and propose the nominee be considered for Life Membership of ASLIA.

Nominator Details

Name (please print)	
Signed	
Date	

Phone number	
Email	

Secunder Details

Name (please print)	
Signed	
Date	
Phone number	
Email	

Please mail completed form to arrive in accordance with the criteria, marked to the attention of:

The Secretary

PO Box 1060, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124, Australia



Life Membership Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Possible Rating	Actual Score
Sitting member of an ASLIA state branch EC as an office bearer	1-5 years = 3 6-10 years = 5 11-15 years = 7 16+ years = 9	
Sitting member of an ASLIA state branch committee as a non-office bearer	1-5 years = 1 6-10 years = 3 11-15 years = 5 16+ years = 7	
Sitting member of ASLIA as an office bearer	1-5 years = 5 6+ years = 7	
Sitting member of ASLIA as a non-office bearer	1-5 years = 3 6+ years = 5	
Sitting member of an ASLIA sub-committee	1-5 years = 1 6+ years = 3	
Provision of continuous, in-kind support to ASLIA or one of its state branches, including sub-committees	10+ years = 5	
Continuous ASLIA membership for	1-5 years = 0 6-10 years = 1 11-15 years = 2	

	16-20 years = 3 21+ years = 5	
Sitting member of NAATI RAC	5+ years = 3	
Sitting member of NAATI examination panel (Auslan/English)	10+ years = 3	
Interpreter trainer at Diploma level	10+ years = 3	
Interpreter trainer at Advanced Diploma or higher level	10+ years = 5	
Significant, identifiable and quantifiable action(s) that have contributed to the development of Auslan/English interpreting in Australia	score to be individually determined, but not to exceed 5	
Service on an international level (e.g. WASLI representation, WASLI related work, development of interpreting in developing countries in the Oceania region, etc.)	score to be individually determined, but not to exceed 5	
Continuous involvement in the profession of Auslan/English interpreting <i>Note: nominee must still be involved in the profession of Auslan/English interpreting unless fully retired</i>	20+ years = 5	
Final score		

To deem the nominee successful for conferring of Life Membership upon him/her, a minimum score of 25 needs to be attained.

Version History

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