# SOP 14

# Nominations for Honorary Membership/ Honorary Life Membership

## Honorary Membership

A person can be made an Honorary member of the Guild for a period of time in recognition of their interest in or assistance to the Guild. It is intended to reflect honor upon the IWG as well as upon the individual.

A list of Honorary members is to be maintained by the Membership Secretary.

Criteria for Nominating an individual to honorary member should be:

1. Must **not** be a member of the Guild.
2. Must have an interest in or have assisted the Guild in promoting its aims and objectives.
3. Any member can nominate any person for honorary membership.
4. The nomination proposal should consist of a statement that begins: “I wish to propose [the name of the person being proposed] for Honorary Membership of the IWG.” This should then be followed by an account of the member’s contributions to the work of the Guild. The statement should be no more than 500 words. It should be signed by the proposer above their name printed clearly at the end of the statement.
5. The nomination must have the signatures of 30 members of the Guild.
6. The proposal should be sent to the Secretary.
7. After checking the membership status of the proposer, if the proposal meets the eligibility requirements the Secretary will bring the nomination to the Executive Committee.
8. The Executive Committee will consider each proposal received and either approve or reject the proposal.
9. The decision of the Executive Committee must be unanimous.
10. The Secretary will write to the proposer to indicate the success or not of their proposal, and to the new Honorary Member to congratulate them on their election.

## Honorary Life Membership

To become a life member of the Guild the nominated individual should have made a truly outstanding contribution to the Guild. To merely have served in an elected capacity is not sufficient, they must have gone beyond the bounds of normal expectation.

Criteria for Nominating members to honorary life membership should be:

1. Must be a member of the Guild.
2. Any member can nominate any member for honorary life membership.
3. The nomination proposal should consist of a statement that begins: “I wish to propose [the name of the person being proposed] for Honorary Life Membership of the IWG.” This should then be followed by an account of the member’s contributions to the work of the Guild. The statement should be no more than 500 words. It should be signed by the proposer above their name printed clearly at the end of the statement.
4. The nomination must have the signatures of 30 members of the Guild.
5. The proposal should be sent to the Secretary.
6. After checking the membership statuses of the proposer and the proposed, if the proposal meets the eligibility requirements the Secretary will bring the nomination to the Executive Committee.
7. The Executive Committee will consider each proposal received and either approve or reject the proposal.
8. The decision of the Executive Committee must be unanimous.
9. The Secretary will write to the proposer to indicate the success or not of their proposal, and to the new Honorary Member to congratulate them on their election.