



Guidelines for Nominating a Life Member of North Shore Playcentre Association

NSPA Constitution defines a life member as:

3 c) Honorary Life members who may be elected by a majority of persons present and entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Association, provided that at least 30 days written notice to the secretary of the Association shall be required of any notice of motion of the appointment of Honorary Life Members.

A motion can be submitted to the secretary by any member of the association who is entitled to a vote e.g. any individual centre or management team member.

21 d) At general meetings of the association the following persons present shall have one vote each namely:

i) Members of the Association Management Team

ii) Two delegates from each Playcentre up to 3 sessions per week.

iii) Three delegates from each Playcentre providing four (4) or more sessions per week.

For Federation Life Membership the Federation Handbook states that in the case of a person being considered for Life membership their contribution would normally be seen to be beyond the scope of the position taken on.

Criteria

The person has shown commitment to Playcentre Philosophy by having Playcentre as their main choice of early childhood education for their children and their children will have attended Playcentre until they went to school.

The person will have shown that they are passionate and committed to Playcentre and Playcentre philosophy and be an advocate for Playcentre.

The person will have contributed extensively at Centre level.

The person will have contributed extensively at a higher level than centre level, some of this time should/may have been spent on Association Management Team, and other long term commitments at a higher level could include Federation Team positions, Association and Federation Working parties, National meeting delegates, Association team positions, commenting and tutoring talks at Association level.

The person should have been involved at the higher level for an extensive period of time. E.g. min 4 years at Association level, 5/10 years plus

The person could be considered to commit “above and beyond the call of duty”

Possible recognition awards for those that are long serving but don't meet all requirements of life membership

Procedure

Nominated by centre or Management Team member

Endorsed by Management Team

Short CV to support nomination sent to centres so decision can be made

Supported by Association (all centres) by consensus decision making process at an Association meeting.

Life Membership Criteria Brainstorm

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- spent time in centre, Association positions
- had centre office positions
- position at Assn level, not necessarily on MT
- held positions at centre, Association and Federation level (Association min 4 years)
- continued to be involved in Playcentre, min 5 years/min time at Association level
- ideally Federation level
- dedicated/committed, gone the extra mile, stood out
- commitment beyond centre level, beyond own children's involvement
- dedicated/long term service - 10 years at Playcentre
- a passion and drive for Playcentre
- advocate of Playcentre
- have a passion for Playcentre
- lives and breathes
- believer - children at Playcentre
- children attended until school age

Procedure

- Nominated by Centre, endorsed by Management Team
- Team supported by Association (all centres) by consensus decision making process
- nomination by centres and MT
- short CV given at time of nomination so that this can be taken back to Centres to support the nomination

Recognition awards for those not quite "life member"