

## **WAPJA LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

### **Scope**

This policy sets out the criteria and processes for an individual to be awarded Life Membership of the Western Australian Photographic Judges Association (WAPJA). This award exists to recognise the exceptional contributions of individuals to the current and future activities of the WAPJA.

### **Definition**

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the outstanding contributions of individuals to the WAPJA. It is therefore only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

### **Specific Considerations**

For consideration for the award of Life Membership a nominee must have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and activities of the WAPJA.

Consideration of a nominee for Life Membership will include:

- The overall contribution made to the mission and objectives of the WAPJA;
- Commitment to the continuous improvement of WAPJA judging standards;
- Demonstrated leadership and character that reflects credit upon the WAPJA. ~~and~~

These considerations apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during his/her membership of the WAPJA.

### **Processes for Assessing Applications for Life Membership**

Applications for Life Membership, which must be in writing, are forwarded to the Secretary, WAPJA at any time. Those making the nomination must be current members of the WAPJA. Applications should demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service, as set out above. The WAPJA Committee will assess a nomination for Life Membership at its next meeting. A two thirds majority vote of WAPJA Committee members is required before Life Membership is offered.

Cancellation of a Life Membership award may occur if the recipient subsequently conducts himself/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the WAPJA. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the WAPJA Committee. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given the opportunity to present a case for retention of their Life Membership status.

### **Benefits of Life Membership**

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within the WAPJA, Life Membership also includes:

- Presentation of the award of Life Membership at an Annual General Meeting;
- Listing as a Life Member on the WAPJA website;
- Exemption from annual fees associated with the WAPJA.
- A Life Member has all rights provided to members under the Rules of Association, including the right to vote, and other rights and benefits determined by the Committee or by resolution of Members at a General Meeting Policy Introduction.

This Policy is effective from January 1, 2020