

## Life Membership – Criteria and Guidelines

The award of Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour the NSW Operating Theatre Association Inc can bestow on an individual and is done so in recognition of those who have made an outstanding contribution to the existence or effectiveness of the Association and/or Perioperative Nursing during their membership.

- ◆ All nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary at least 12 weeks before the Annual Conference. The city or zone executive or any full member of the NSW Operating Theatre Association can propose nominations for Life Membership.
- ◆ Nominations must be made in writing on an official NSW Operating Theatre Association Honorary Life Membership form. The nomination must be proposed by a financial full member of the Association and endorsed by the appropriate Zone executive before being forwarded to the Honorary Secretary.

The following criteria need to be met, before a candidate is deemed suitable for Honorary Life Membership of the NSW Operating Theatre Association. The criteria were formulated with a view to establishing some transparency in the nomination process and to remove any taint of cronyism.

1. Retired from the profession at the time of the presentation.
2. Significant contribution should have been made by the individual in terms of time, effort and commitment and has provided extraordinary service to the NSW Operating Theatre Association and to the advancement of Perioperative Nursing over a significant period of years
  - A minimum of 15 years as a full member of the NSW Operating Theatre Association
  - Served as a member of the city/zone/special interest group executive or other NSW Operating Theatre Committee for a minimum of 3 years or made significant contribution as a member, assisting the promotion and development of the NSW Operating Theatre Association and Perioperative Nursing.
3. Significant achievement made on behalf of the NSW Operating Theatre Association.
4. Attendance at city/zone/special interest group meetings and annual conferences.
5. Published articles participated in research or made presentations on Perioperative Nursing.