

# Honorary Membership Policy

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## PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to guide and define the process and rules regarding the establishment of an honorary membership policy.

## POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Directors may award an honorary membership to any person (member or nonmember) as recognition of contributions to the benefit and betterment of the Guild with preference to those who have actively given time and talent to the Guild in recent years. The Board of Directors may approve a renewal of an honorary membership to any recipient in recognition of the honorary member's continued contributions to the benefit and betterment of the Guild in recent years.

Honorary memberships shall include all benefits of normal paid memberships including receipt of Guild publications and membership card.

Honorary memberships shall be for five (5) years. If the honoree is a current paid member, the honoree's membership shall be extended five (5) years from the member's current expiration date. If the honoree is not a current paid member, the honoree's membership shall be five (5) years from the award date.

New honorary memberships shall be limited to three (3) in any calendar year.

Members of the Board of Directors at the time of the award shall not be eligible for a new honorary membership.

A committee of the elected officers of the Guild shall nominate honorees for the Board of Directors consideration. Other names may be considered at the time the nominations are brought forward. The cost of honorary memberships shall be budgeted annually.

## REMEDIES

Under extraordinary circumstances to include behavior deemed detrimental to the Guild, an honorary membership may be terminated. In the event an honorary member passes away (i.e. deceased) during the term of the membership, the honorary membership shall be terminated.