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Life Membership

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BY-LAW No.1 - LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. Purpose

- 1.1. Clause 24 of the Constitution allows the Board to make By-Laws necessary for the control, administration and management of the Association's affairs.
- 1.2. The purpose of this By-Law is to set out the requirements of the nomination and the criteria for Life Membership of the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Business Association (SGLBA) as per clause 6.8 of the Constitution.

2. Nomination process

- 2.1. As per clause 6.8(a) of the Constitutions nominees for Life Membership must be nominated in writing by not less than three current members of the Association. Such nomination must be lodged with Secretary and subject to it meeting the requirements contained in this By-Law it will be lodged by the Secretary before the business of the next occurring AGM.
- 2.2. As per clause 12.5(b) of the Constitution, nominations for Life Membership must be received by the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting to be considered at that year's AGM. Any nominations received within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting will be held over until the following year's AGM.
- 2.3. Nominations for Life Membership must outline why Life Membership is considered appropriate and specifically address all of the criteria outlined in By-Law 1.3.

3. Criteria for Life Membership

- 3.1. A nominee for Life Membership must be a current financial member and meet all of the following criteria:
 - 3.1.1. Given extensively to the Association in terms of time and effort;
 - 3.1.2. Affected great change to the Association with positive results for the membership;
 - 3.1.3. Volunteered as either a Board Member or Board Associate or in some other voluntary capacity; and
 - 3.1.4. Been a member for a minimum of 12 months prior to their nomination.

4. Assessment of nominations

- 4.1. The SGLBA Board will establish a Life Membership Committee to assess all applications for Life Membership.
- 4.2. The Life Membership Committee will objectively and fairly assess all applications and verify particulars with, or seek further information from, the nominators as required.
- 4.3. If the Life Membership Committee is satisfied that a nomination meets the criteria outlined in By-Law 1.3, they must recommend to the Secretary that it be placed on the Agenda of the next occurring Annual General Meeting. This recommendation is at the Life Membership Committee's complete discretion and to comply with clause 12.5(c) of the Constitution must be given to the Secretary at least 21 days before the AGM.
- 4.4. As per its Charter, the Life Membership Committee will make a recommendation to the AGM on the relative merits of the successful nomination.

5. Conferral of Life Membership

- 5.1. A resolution to confer Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting must be a Special Resolution.
- 5.2. As per clause 6.8(f) of the Constitution a person or organisation must accept or reject the Association's resolution to confer Life Membership in writing. On receipt of written acceptance the person's or organisation's details will be entered into the Register as a Life Member.