

By-law 20 – Award of Life Membership with Badge (Rule 7 refers).

1) Conditions.

- a) The nominated member must have at least ten (10) years continuous membership and during this period must have given at least ten (10) years honorary service.
- b) It must be borne in mind that the onus of proving continuous membership lies with the nominating Social Centre/Sub-branch. In the event that the nominee has had previous membership at another location, a Statutory Declaration may be used for verification and should have been obtained by the nominating Social Centre/Sub-branch so that it may be presented to the State Branch if so requested.
- c) Social Centre/Sub-branches should give careful consideration before nominating members for the award, as no case should be recommended unless the honour is thoroughly deserved. It is better, if there is any doubt that the award may be granted, to recognise the person by a presentation of some description, rather than subject them to the indignity of having to eventually advise them that their nomination was not successful. Similarly when a member is nominated by a Social Centre/Sub-branch for the award, publication of the nomination should not be released until the general meeting at which it is placed upon the agenda has made a decision.

2) Procedure.

- a) When it is considered that a member is worthy of nomination for the award, the following procedures apply:
 - i) The member is proposed and seconded at any meeting of the Social Centre/Sub-branch. The proposal may be decided by those present, either by open vote or by secret ballot, depending on the wishes of the members.
 - ii) If the proposal is carried, a citation is then to be prepared, signed by both the President and Secretary; it is then forwarded to the State Branch.
 - iii) The State Branch, where after due consideration by the State Executive, will place the decision for granting of the award on the agenda for a State General Meeting.

3) Citations.

- a) The State Executive will allot points for various facets of service and, in order to do this correctly, it is most important that all citations conform to a standard type of format.
- b) Social Centre/Sub-branches are requested to ensure that they conform to the following format:
 - i) Full name;
 - ii) Date of birth;
 - iii) Address;
 - iv) Social Centre/Sub-branch;
 - v) Badge number;
 - vi) Period of membership and location/s;

- vii) Association Service at;
 - (1) State level.
 - (2) Social Centre/Sub-branch level.
- viii) Service as Delegate or Councillor at;
 - (1) National level.
 - (2) State level.
- ix) Social Centre/Sub-branch activities in;
 - (1) Fund raising.
 - (2) Welfare.
 - (3) Repatriation.
 - (4) Other activities; and
- x) Any other relevant general remarks.

4) Points to Remember.

- a) Activities that do not directly or indirectly benefit the Association are of no consequence. For instance, being the Association representative on other bodies would be noteworthy, but membership or even being an office bearer, in some other organization is not of significance. Remember that the award is for service to the Association not for service/s rendered to other organizations.
- b) The mere holding of Association Executive positions is not, in itself, a reason for the award, but vigour and enthusiasm which has been displayed in discharging the duties of Executive positions is a good reason.
- c) Although exceptional, a member may qualify for the award even if he had not been an office bearer, provided he had been extremely active in general Social Centre/Sub-branch work.
- d) A member is not automatically entitled to Life Membership because he has completed ten (10) years continuous financial membership.
- e) The nominee's military service has no bearing on the granting of the award and no reference thereto is required in the citation.
- f) The award is limited, at any time, to a number equivalent to two percent (2%) of the State Branch Membership. Nominations should be restricted to those members whose service to the Association has been particularly outstanding.
- g) Citations for members who have been unsuccessful in being granted the award are not automatically re-submitted at State level. The nominations must again come forward as detailed in the section titled "Procedure".
- h) The cost of this Award to the Social Centre/Sub-branch based on the age of the recipient and to the Annual Subscription plus the cost of the Badge and Certificate. The current cost/s is describe at Table 2:

Ser.	Life Membership Parameters	Cost
1	Up to and including age 39 years.	\$300.00
2	Age 40 to 44 years.	\$260.00
3	Age 45 to 49 years.	\$220.00
4	Age 50 to 54 years.	\$180.00
5	Age 55 to 59 years.	\$140.00
6	Age 60 to 64 years.	\$120.00
7	Age 65 years and over.	\$100.00

Table 2 – Life Membership Parameters.

Upon approval of the award and before presentation to the member, the Social Centre/Sub-branch will be invoiced for the above amount. Only after payment will the award be presented.

- i) When changes to the Annual Subscription occur, a new scale will be forwarded to Social Centre/Sub-branch Secretaries.
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