

# AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS RUGBY UNION LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

## 1. HISTORIC CONTEXT

In the early years of the ASRU nomination for Life Membership arose on an ad hoc basis at Committee Meetings. This had the potential for embarrassment if any query was raised about any nomination.

In more recent years nominations have been considered by a committee consisting of the President and two Life Members. This has enabled any “filtering” needed to be done before names go to the full Committee.

However, there have never been any criteria laid down for eligibility to be nominated as a Life Member.

The list of Life Members and the timing of their appointment do reveal the following:

- All have been nominated only when their active major involvement has ceased. This has not precluded their still being involved, but all had finished their time in particular positions.
- All have been involved in a significant way at the Australian level.

## 2. PROCESS

Given the above, it is proposed that nominations for Life Membership be formalised somewhat further.

2.1 Life Membership Nominations Committee – that this be appointed at the AGM each year, to consist of three members – President, one Life Member and one current ASRU Committee Member

2.2 Procedure for Nomination – that any nominations for Life Membership are to be made in confidence to the President in writing. Nominations are to include relevant details of the nominees record including reference to the criteria in 2.3

The President will then forward the details, with any additional comments/information to the other Committee members. If the nomination secures the support of all three Committee members, it is to be presented by the President at the next ASRU Committee Meeting.

2.3 Criteria – acknowledging that it is difficult to state full criteria, the following are set down as guidelines

- nominees should have had significant involvement in Schools Rugby activities at the national level
- the nominees involvement should have made a significant contribution to the Australian Schools Rugby Union
- the nominee should not currently hold a major position in the ASRU e.g. Executive, Team Management

2.4 Award – the Life Membership Award shall consist of the Life Member’s Badge and the Life Member’s Certificate. These should normally be presented at an appropriate ASRU function or meeting.

2.5 Benefits – apart from the recognition arising from the appointment, Life Members shall be entitled:

- a) to attend Committee Meetings with speaking (but not voting) rights;
- b) to receive regular communications from the ASRU e.g. Committee Minutes, circulars, etc.
- c) to receive invitations to appropriate games, events and functions (some of these may involve payment, e.g. Dinners etc)
- d) to be listed in regular publications of the ASRU