

Alice Springs Running & Walking Club

Guidelines for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines to the committee when interpreting the constitution to assess applications for Life Membership of ASRWC. The advantage of this document will be greater consistency over the years in the assessing of such applications.

The Constitution:

The constitution states that nominees for life membership shall meet the following criteria:

- a) at least ten (10) years membership;
- b) at least five (5) years as an active member of the Committee and/or organiser of major events;
- c) demonstrated exceptional contribution and commitment to a range of Association functions that further the objectives of the Association.

Recommendations for Interpretation:

To be eligible for life membership of the ASRWC, the nominee must meet each of the following criteria.

1. The nominee must have had at least **ten** years full paid-up membership of the ASRWC. It is not necessary that the minimum of ten years membership be continuous.
2. The nominee must have been an active member of the committee for a minimum of **five** full years.
The interpretation of active can include:
 - i. regular attendance to committee meetings
 - ii. contributions to committee as documented in the minutes
3. The nominee must have organized a minimum of **two** major events.
Major events are defined to be:
 - i. Master's Games – principle organizer
 - ii. Club Marathon – race director
 - iii. 10km Series – race director for all 3 events in the one season

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4. The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional contribution and commitment to further the overall goals and objectives of the Association. Generally, the overall objectives can be defined with the words: *Fun, Fitness and Friendship*

This criterion is the one most open to interpretation, and it is up to the proponent to demonstrate in the application that it has been met.

The criterion will be satisfied:

- i. If the nominee has served at least **two** years in one of the following committee positions:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

- ii. Or if the nominee has contributed over a minimum of **five** years to further the overall goals and objectives of the Association in other ways. These contributions can include:
 - acting as event director
 - volunteering as event assistant
 - active involvement in non-race events e.g. Christmas party
 - running or actively supporting coaching programs that directly benefit the members of ASRWC
 - producing the club newsletter
 - actively supporting the club in the maintenance of club infrastructure

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