



POLICY

Life Membership

Background

The constitution and by-laws of the Federation state that:

- a) An individual or group who has served the Federation and/or its causes in an exemplary manner may be granted an honorary life membership;
- b) The Board of Directors has the authority to designate honorary life members; and
- c) For an honorary life membership to be granted, a majority¹ of the Board of Directors must be in favor.

The recipient of a Honorary Life Member designation shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of a member free of charge, excepting executive voting privileges and without the necessity of belonging to a local association. Further, an Honorary Life Member shall have the rights of Direct or Associate members but without the obligation of paying an annual fee.

Honorary Life Membership(s) may be terminated upon majority approval of the Board of Directors.

Policy Statement

Through designation of honorary life membership, the Federation wishes to honor people, persons or groups who, through their deeds and actions, have significantly contributed to the betterment of the Federation and/or attainment of its goals and visions.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for determining life members including criteria and process.

Guidelines - Process

- Anyone may nominate a person, persons or group for life membership for consideration by the Board of Directors.
- A nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination and seconded by at least five (5) people who are members of a woodlot association or the Federation, who know the nominee, and who have direct knowledge or experience regarding the nominee's accomplishments.

¹ Majority" means 60% (sixty percent) or greater of Board members being in favor.

- A nomination will be in writing and must include:
 - A list of accomplishments;
 - Period of time over which the accomplishments occurred; and
 - A description of how & why the listed accomplishments are considered exemplary; i.e. beyond the norm.
- Nominations may be submitted to the Federation Vice President and/or General Manager.
- All nominations will be treated as confidential.
- The Vice President will distribute the nomination to the Board of Directors for their consideration. Board members may request additional information from the nominator as they see fit. Any additional information received will be shared with all BoD members in advance of their vote.
- BoD voting may be done either via email or in person at a Directors meeting.
- The BoD vote is final.
- The nominator will be informed of the Board's decision.
- The nominator is responsible for informing the nominee, if required, of the Board's decision.
- A person, persons or group may not be nominated for an honorary life membership more than once in a ten-year period.

Guidelines - Criteria & Accomplishments

- A life member may be so designated as a result of a single, significant accomplishment and/or exemplary performance or a series of actions over a period of time.
- 'Exemplary' is defined to mean actions and accomplishments that are above and beyond what would ordinarily be expected; e.g.
 - Association or FBCWA Board/Executive member: Service with distinction or serving for an extended period of time;
 - Volunteer: Extraordinary efforts to achieve an objective which would otherwise not have been achieved;
 - Contractor/Consultants: Overachieving relative to the requirements of the job.
 - Others: Bettered woodlots and/or the Woodlot License Program, including small-scale forestry, through outstanding accomplishments.
- Life memberships may be granted for accomplishments related to the Federation's core values, vision and principles which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Forest/Resource Management
 - Marketing & Products
 - Legislation, Regulation & Policy
 - WL Program Goals

- Education & Extension
 - Communications
 - Founder/Builder
 - Leadership
- The following table is a list of generally accepted criteria the Federation considers when deciding whether or not to grant a life membership. The list is not exhaustive or comprehensive, and is provided for guidance only. It will be expanded and updated over time.

Criteria	Examples of Life Membership Eligibility Criteria
Forest/Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set and maintained the highest standards of forest management. • Recipient of awards or other recognition such as achieving and maintaining certification. • Developed innovative management practices and/or techniques
Marketing & Product Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental in achieving success in the development and marketing of logs, lumber, wood products, agroforestry products and/or non-timber forest products.
Legislation, Regulation & Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental in effecting changes (improvements) to BC's forestry legislation, regulations and policies; i.e. more practical, efficient, effective, work reductions, etc.
WL Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furthered attainment of the Federation's and WL Program's goals and objectives; i.e. without this person the goal(s) would not have been attained.
Education & Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted WLs and management of the forest resources by facilitating or conveying knowledge to licensees, landowners, young people, the public, community leaders, etc.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significantly increased the awareness and understanding of WLs amongst the public, community leaders, etc. • Advocated for WLs provincially, nationally and internationally
Founder/Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder of an association &/or Federation • Builder of an association &/or Federation • Spearheaded and was instrumental in making the Federation a stronger, more productive organization (cite examples) • Represented the Federation with distinction on various boards or organizations
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recognized leader within the WL and/or forest sector.
Other	

**NOMINATION
for
LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the FEDERATION OF BC WOODLOT ASSOCIATIONS**

I, _____, (Nominator) hereby nominate _____
 _____ (Nominee) for Life Membership in the Federation
 of BC Woodlot Associations.

Contact Information

	Mailing Address	Email address	Phone #'s (office, home & cell)
_____ (Nominee)			
_____ (Nominator)			

The nominee's achievements and contribution(s) toward the Federation attaining its goals and visions, as described below, are considered exemplary and worthy of a life membership designation. The nominator may wish to refer to the Federation policy for information regarding the attributes and accomplishments generally considered relevant to a person receiving a life membership designation. Please attach additional pages, if required.

Signatures:

_____ (Nominator)

_____ (date)

Seconded by:

All nominations must be seconded by at least five (5) people who are members of a woodlot association or the FBCWA.

Name	Signature	Address, email address & telephone number

Nomination forms are to be submitted to either the FBCWA Vice President &/or General Manager – contact information is available at www.woodlot.bc.ca