

Criteria for FIG Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members

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Definitions

Honorary President is defined in the Statutes (para 3.1.6 §):

- honorary president: a past president who has rendered outstanding service to the Federation during his or her period of office

Honorary Member is defined in the Statutes (para 3.1.7 §):

- honorary member: an individual who has materially assisted the development and promotion of the surveying profession at the international level

In the Internal Rules there are rules how to make the nominations for each of these two positions (para 7 §):

7.1 § Nominations for these appointments shall be made by a member association or the Council which will consider them and submit them to a vote of the General Assembly.

7.2 § Honorary presidents and honorary members shall be kept informed about the activities of the Federation and welcomed at meetings of the General Assembly.

In addition Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any fees (Statutes 4.5 §)

Nominations

Nomination is normally made by the member association in which the candidate is a member. The Member associations have been advised to contact the Council before making formal nomination to avoid embarrassing situations if the candidate does not qualify to the criteria that the Council wants to keep to the honorary members. Nominations may be initiated by Council and in some cases also taken forward by the Council (in the case that the candidate is qualified and the member association cannot for a specific reason make the nomination).

Nominations shall include a letter from the member association and a short CV of the candidate highlighting his/her services to FIG or issues that deserves to be recognised by FIG.

Normally the Council will put forward to the General Assembly only one nomination per year (either an Honorary President or an Honorary Member).

Qualifications

There has been a tradition that the past president has been appointed as an Honorary President at the General Assembly immediately following the close of his/her presidency. Up to now all past presidents have been appointed to Honorary Presidents.

For the post of Honorary Member there has been a tradition that two terms in the FIG administration have been needed to become an Honorary Member. This has normally been two terms in the Council or one term in the Council and one as Commission Chair. If the

candidate has had only one term in the FIG administration special services to the Federation have been required (e.g. long-term participation in the work of the Federation, membership in task force(s), producing FIG report(s) etc. as well as significant contributions to member association/national surveying community. So e.g. a membership alone in the Council or being a Congress Director has not been sufficient to qualify for an Honorary Member. Number of honorary members per Bureau (Council) has been limited to 1-2.

The second group of Honorary Members have been those individuals who are highly respected nationally and in this position have served both FIG and their own association for long time (often more than 20 years).

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