

NVCAC Honourary Awards Policy

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1) Awards definitions:

- a) "Honourary Life Member" - a past or current member who has made specific significant contributions to or positive long-term impact on the Arts Council.
- b) "Champion of the Arts" - a person who has made a significant lasting contribution to the arts in the Nicola Valley consistent with, but not necessarily related to, the Arts Council's activities.
- c) "Patron of the Arts" - a person who has made a significant financial contribution to the arts in the Nicola Valley consistent with, but not necessarily related to, the Arts Council's activities.

2) Criteria for nominations and decisions:

a) Honourary Life Membership:

- i) 5+ years in significant leadership roles in the NVCAC (director, executive, standing committee chair, organizer of events, etc.);
- ii) Significant contribution to the local arts and culture, consistent with the NVCAC Constitution; and
- iii) initiated and led one or more specific programs that had a significant and lasting effect on the NVCAC and arts in the Nicola Valley.

b) Champion of the Arts

- i) Significant contribution to the **local** arts and culture, consistent with the NVCAC Constitution;
- ii) One-time or sustained effort may be recognized, that had a significant and long-lasting effect on local arts environment.
- iii) may or may not be a local resident or NVCAC member.

c) Patron of the Arts

- i) Significant financial contribution to the **local** arts and culture, consistent with the NVCAC Constitution;
- ii) One-time or sustained effort may be recognized, for financial support that had a significant and long-lasting effect on local arts environment.
- iii) may or may not be a local resident or NVCAC member.

3) Benefits of Awards: free life membership with membership rights and responsibilities, including voting rights and eligibility to hold Council positions.

4) Nominations procedures:

- a) Nominator and seconder must be current NVCAC members.
- b) It is the Nominators' responsibility to make sure the nominee is willing to accept the award.
- c) Information to be provided by the nominators to assist Board decision:
 - i) contributions to the local arts environment,
 - ii) leadership roles in the local arts sector,
 - iii) personal achievements that affected the local arts environment,
 - iv) relevant personal qualities reflected in teaching, mentorship, etc.
 - v) letters of support
 - vi) Patron: information on financial contributions
- d) The final decision on awards in the name of the NVCAC is made by a motion of the Board.