



Manotick Horticultural Society

Life Membership Policy and Procedures

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1. Purpose:

To identify the criteria for MHS members to be considered for the Life Membership.

2. Policy:

a) OHA Criteria:

- i) Long-time membership in a Society/Club, preferably a minimum of 15 years.
- ii) Continued interest in horticulture.
- iii) Serves as recognition of participation in the Society/Club and contributions to its program.
- iv) Membership fees will no longer be collected by the Society/Club from the member so honoured, however the Society/Club is still required to submit dues and insurance to the OHA on the member's behalf on a yearly basis.
- v) Nominee must be a member, in good standing, of an OHA Affiliated Society/Club, in good standing.

b) In addition to the above OHA criteria, significant commitment, consistent and continued contribution to the MHS program will be considered by the MHS Board for a member to be recognized with a Life Membership. This recognition would be awarded to an exceptional member who meets more than one of the following MHS criteria:

- i) Member of the Board for more than one two-year term.
- ii) Contribution of time and effort dedicated to leading a program such as: Member Programming, Beautification, and Horticultural Shows.
- iii) Contribution of time promoting MHS via Communication program, i.e. Newsletter, Guidebooks, and website and social media platforms.
- iv) Contribution of time and effort dedicated to MHS committees.
- v) Contribution of time and effort inspiring and promoting horticultural interests via Outreach programs to senior and youth groups, civic improvements, tours, workshops and beautification.

3. Procedures:

- a) Nominations will be accepted from a Board Member or a member of the MHS.
- b) The MHS Life Membership Nomination Form must be completed by the nominator and submitted to the MHS e-mail account.
- c) Nominees will be considered and approved by the Board.
- d) Submit OHA form to the OHA Awards Co-ordinator. (Responsibility Chair/President)
- e) Present Life Membership Award certificate to member at a Member's meeting.
- f) Indicate Life Membership in the MHS Membership records. (Responsibility Membership Co-ordinator)

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