



Honorary Life Membership

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Honorary Life Membership of the Society is restricted to those distinguished members elected as Honorary Life Members by the Board of Directors.

Appointment of Standing Committee on Honorary Life Membership

There shall be a *Standing Committee on Honorary Life Membership*. The Committee shall consist of four members, each appointed for a term of four (4) years. Two members shall be appointed by the incoming President with the approval of the Board of Directors each biennium. At least one (1) member of the Committee shall concurrently be a member of the Board. A Chair shall be designated by the incoming President with the approval of the Board each biennium. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term, and that member shall be eligible for reappointment.

Duties of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall solicit nominations for Honorary Life Membership from the members and partners of the Society through at least one announcement in an ISME Newsletters and one announcement in an ISME Postcard each year. The wording of these announcements shall be formulated by the Standing Committee and stipulate the process for submitting nominations.

Once a nomination is submitted, the Standing Committee will meet electronically to consider the nominations. Any Conflict of Interest by members of the Committee shall be declared once the list of nominations is known. The Standing Committee shall not consider any nomination that has not been submitted in the required format. The Standing Committee will only consider nominations that have been discussed in the previous biennium if a new, updated nomination has been received.

In order to maintain the confidentiality of each nomination, the Standing Committee may only seek further information from the member who submitted the nomination. The Standing Committee shall not seek information from any other member or partner.

When considering nominations, the Standing Committee should ensure that nominations for Board ratification must:

- a) Be recognised as a genuinely outstanding music educator in at least one country,
- b) Have established a record of achievement and distinction,

- c) Have made contributions to music education that are of lasting value and that will likely be considered of importance by future music educators, and
- d) Have been active in the Society for an extended period.

After completing their deliberations, the Standing Committee may recommend not more than two (2) candidates for Honorary Life membership each biennium for consideration by the Board of Directors. Their recommendation and citation must reach the Chief Operating Officer at least twenty-eight (28) days before the first meeting of the Board at a biennial conference.

Duties of the ISME Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall not make recommendations on Honorary Life Membership. However, a member of the Board of Directors may submit an individual nomination for consideration by the Standing Committee.

After discussion, the Board of Directors shall take a formal vote on the nominations presented by the Standing Committee. Acceptance will be via a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. In cases where a recommendation is rejected by the Board of Directors, reasons why this nomination was rejected will be conveyed to the Chair of the Standing Committee, who, on behalf of the Standing Committee, may provide an alternative nomination.

In situations where a member of the Board of Directors has submitted a nomination, that member must not be involved in any of the discussions preceding the vote and must not vote on the nomination once it is presented for formal ratification.

The Board of Directors deliberation and information on each nomination should be regarded as confidential and not discussed with members or partners outside the Board.

Presentation of Honorary Life Membership

The person elected to Honorary Life Membership will receive the citation and certificate of acceptance of the award through a formal announcement at the ISME General Assembly.

Honorary Life Members may be listed in official documents of the Society as may be appropriate.

Honorary Life Membership will not confer in itself any rights other than the distinction of election. Honorary Life Members will not pay membership dues, but will be required to pay all fees, travel and accommodation expenses to and at seminars, meetings and conferences of the Society except at times when specifically invited as a guest by the ISME Conference Organising Committee. Honorary Life Members will receive a free copy of the *International Journal of Music Education* and the *ISME Newsletter* upon publication.

Nomination Form for Honorary Life Membership

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership of the *International Society for Music Education* are invited from members or partners of the Society. Each nomination is considered by the

Standing Committee on Honorary Life Membership which consists of four members, each appointed by the ISME Board of Directors for a term of four (4) years.

The Standing Committee will not consider any nomination that has not been submitted in the required format.

Each biennium, the Standing Committee submits up to two (2) candidates for Honorary Life Membership of the Society for consideration of the ISME Board of Directors. Announcements of Honorary Life Membership occur during each ISME General Assembly.

Each nomination should include the following information:

Name and full contact details of the person who is submitting the nomination.

The name and full contact details of the nominee.

A copy of the curriculum vitae for the nominee.

A narrative by the person who is submitting the nomination that provides information on the distinguished contribution of the nominee. Separate statements must be provided on each of the four evaluative criteria for the award by indicating how the nominee is:

- a) recognised as a genuinely outstanding music educator in at least one country,
- b) has established a record of achievement and distinction,
- c) has made contributions to music education that are of lasting value and that will likely be considered of importance by future music educators, and
- d) has been active in the Society for an extended period.

Nominations can be submitted electronically and/or on paper, as the Standing Committee and Board direct. If on paper: the forms should be provided on the ISME website. If electronically, the link should be provided on the ISME website. The form and/or link can also be provided through other means but must appear on the ISME website.