

Subject: Re: Nominations for honorary life memberships

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Dear Paul--This is in response to Mike Dawson's forwarding of your inquiry regarding nominations for honorary membership in the Appalachian Trail Conference. I am surprised that no one at ATC Headquarters was able to help you, but I am also at fault for being late in notifying club presidents about the procedure.

I appointed the Honorary Membership Committee in December. Reese Lukei is committee chair and should receive all nominations. His address is 1046 Azalea Court, Virginia Beach VA 23452. The other committee members are Margaret Drummond, Chuck Sloan, and Al Sochard.

The procedure is as follows: 1) The committee Chair gathers the recommendations received by and made by the committee members. 2) The committee Chair obtains agreement of the committee on who should be recommended. This is done at a meeting if possible, otherwise by mail/phone/e-mail. 3) The committee Chair conveys the recommendation(s) to the Board Chair. 4) The Executive Committee approves the recommendation(s) at the Executive Committee meeting before the spring Board meeting if the timing allows. (As the EC will meet in mid-March, this will not be possible.) If not, this is done by phone or mail. (I did it by mail in 1997 and 1999.) 5) Full Board approval is not obtained (due to problems of timing and confidentiality). 6) The names of those proposed for honorary membership do not appear in print anywhere before the biennial conference.

The criteria for honorary membership are as follows:

1. Nominee must have performed significant service independent of paid official duties.
2. The service performed shall have had an inspirational or exemplary effect because of its special quality/character or innovative aspects, rather than be service of conventional nature but performed in a superior manner.
3. There shall be no others having comparable qualifications who are not already honorary members or nominees themselves.
4. If the nominee's service has been mainly with a particular club, that must have had either regional implications or must bear upon the Trail as a whole, or upon the club's relationship to the Conference.
5. The service shall have been of considerable duration, demonstrating a long-term commitment to the Trail and Conference.

All of this information will appear in the March/April edition of the Appalachian Trailway News, but I should have provided it separately to all club presidents long ago.

Best regards,

Dave Field