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**NZCS - Life Membership Selection Process and Criteria**

1. **Life Membership Status within the Society**

Life Membership of the Society is intended to be reserved for a few individuals that have through their contribution of the Society made an outstanding contribution to the Society and the New Zealand Coastal and Marine Area. It is recognised that the Society is run primarily by volunteers and the ongoing operation of the Society, its conferences and other activities are only possible because of large contributions from many people. The Society recognises and acknowledges these contributions; however, Life Membership Status is intended to reflect something more than this. Recipients are recognised to have made a significantly wider or greater contribution than their peers.

It is expected that at any time there are no more than 3-8 living life members, while this number is not a fixed limit it is a guide to the level of contribution recognised by the award of Life Membership Status.

1. **Selection Process**
   1. Nominations for a new Life Member shall be made to the Chair of the Society.
   2. Nominations for the Life Member category shall be made by either a Life member, Corporate Member or Full member.
   3. Nomination for the Life Member category shall be seconded by either a Life member, Corporate Member or Full member.
   4. The Application shall be circulated to all existing Life members for information and/or comment. Existing Life Members will have a minimum of 10 working days in which to comment.
   5. A subcommittee of the Coastal Society Committee shall be formed comprising the member responsible for the Membership Portfolio, the Chair and such other persons as the Committee elects. This subcommittee shall consider the matter and assess the application against the selection criteria provided. The subcommittee will make recommendation to the full Committee and the election of the life member will be subject to a unanimous secret ballot of the full Committee.
2. **Selection Criteria**

Life members of the Society are considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the New Zealand Coastal Society and or the New Zealand Coastal Environment. Contribution shall be assessed against the promotion of the Society and its Objectives.

**Our Vision** *(Strategic Plan 2015) - Sustainable management of NZ’s Coastal and Marine environment underpinned by sound science, engineering and policy practice, comprehensive monitoring, involved communities and national networks*

**2.1. Contribution to Objectives of Coastal Society and Coastal Environment**

2.1.1. Areas of Contribution (based on Our Vision)

Consider the nominees contribution to

1. Sustainable Management
2. Coastal Science
3. Coastal Engineering
4. Coastal Policy and Planning
5. Coastal environmental monitoring
6. Community and tangata whenua Involvement and Leadership
7. Promoting Relevant National Networks

Nominees are likely to have been active in predominantly in one main field and it is not intended they have contributed to all.

2.1.2. Importance of Contribution to Coastal Environment

Contributions should be assessed with reference to

1. Longevity – of involvement with, contribution to and advancement of the NZ Coastal and Marine Environment
2. Outstanding Achievements - Achieving new or improved standards or significant developments that positively contribute to the NZ Coastal and Marine Environment
3. Total Body of work contributing to the NZ Coastal and Marine Environment

**2.2 Contribution to Coastal Society**

In addition to the contribution to Objectives of the Society and the wider Coastal Environment, the Nominee’s contribution directly to the New Zealand Coastal Society should also be considered

1. Longevity – of membership and support
2. Involvement – Management committee, regional events, conference organisation attendance and presentation, contribution to the *Coastal News*, etc
3. Promotion of Society – Sponsorship, advocacy, recruiting education and networking

The Nominee is likely to have been involved with the administration and functioning of the Society for a long period of time and held a senior position within the Committee (e.g. Chair Treasurer etc). This is not a mandatory requirement with Society members that have made a large contribution to the field but not involved in the Committee still being eligible.