
REGULATION 6 – LIFE AND HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

General

This regulation shall be known as the Life and Honourary Memberships Regulation and is issued under the authority of GSU By-law 3, Sections 3, and 4.

Part 1 – GSU Life Memberships - Criteria

- a) A GSU Life Membership is the highest honour that can be awarded to a member of GSU. Someone deserves a GSU Life Membership when they have, through personal and devoted efforts in the affairs of the Union, has provided outstanding service to the members of GSU for at least six (6) years.
- b) A Nomination for Life Membership must be submitted to the GSU National Council by June 1st by either the Local Executive of the nominee's Local or by a member of the GSU National Council.
- c) Life Membership in a GSU Local shall not be recognized as a Life Membership in GSU unless it has been approved by the GSU National Council.

Part 2 – GSU Life Membership – Rights, Privileges and Obligations

- a) A Life Member of GSU, who is eligible for regular GSU membership, is entitled to all the rights and privileges of that membership.
- b) A GSU Life Member shall be exempt from paying dues to GSU.
- c) GSU Life Members shall be invited to observe each GSU National Triennial Convention at GSU expense.
- d) A list of current GSU Life Members will be maintained by the National President and will be published in the booklet containing the GSU By-laws.
- e) The membership responsibilities as stated in GSU By-law 4 shall also apply to GSU Life Members.
- f) A GSU Life Member shall have their Life Membership placed in suspension while they are employed in a confidential or managerial capacity or in any position where they are barred from participation in the affairs of an employee organization by reason of the terms and conditions employment or any requirement of other labour legislation.

Part 3 – GSU Life Membership – Process

- a) A GSU Local may nominate a member who merits this honour by adopting such a motion at a Local General meeting or at a Local Executive meeting and forwarding it to the GSU National Office.

- b) A nomination may originate with a member of the GSU National Council. In this case, the opinion of the appropriate Local will be sought and circulated to the members of the National Council.
- c) A nomination for GSU Life Membership must be made using the GSU Life Membership Nomination Form. Nomination Forms may be downloaded from the GSU Website or obtained from the GSU National Office.
- d) A nomination for a GSU Life Membership must be submitted to the GSU National Office no later than June 1st of each year. It will then be presented at a properly convened meeting of the GSU National Council and will require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote to be approved.

Part 4 – GSU Honourary Memberships

- a) Nominees for Honourary Membership must be ineligible for Regular or Associate Membership in the Government Services Union. GSU Honourary Membership is warranted when the nominee has given outstanding service to the GSU. Outstanding service shall mean service of a very significant nature involving a single incident or service of a high calibre over a period of time. The service may be at any level of the Union as a whole, but it must also have benefited other segments of the Union other than the Local in which the person held membership.
- b) A GSU Local may nominate one of its members who merits this honour. In addition, a nomination may originate with the GSU National Council, in which case, the opinion of the appropriate Local will be sought and circulated to the members of the National Council.
- c) All recommendations for GSU Honourary Membership shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the National Council.
- d) A GSU Honourary Member shall not be entitled to vote or to hold elective office, but shall be entitled to all other rights and privileges of membership and shall be exempt from paying dues to the Union.
- e) A list of Honourary Members shall be established and maintained by the National President and shall be published in the booklet containing the GSU By-laws.