

HONORARY FELLOW REGULATION

1.0 PURPOSE

The Honorary Fellowship is presented to individuals in recognition of outstanding achievement and contributions to the community consistent with the objects of RACMA. The presentation of the Honorary Fellowship is for distinguished individuals who contribute to the advancement of knowledge, or the betterment of society by advancing the role of medical administration well beyond the normal expectations in health services leadership and management, and in doing so have achieved eminence in their field at local, state, national or international level.

2.0 CRITERIA FOR AWARD

2.1 Constitution S.5.3, stipulates that a medical practitioner will satisfy the following criteria:

- they are of distinguished eminence;
- they have demonstrated management skills at a senior executive or academic level;
- they have contributed to the improvement of health in their country;
- they are recognised leader in their field of endeavour; and
- their admission as an Honorary Fellow will contribute to the standing of the College.

2.2 Honorary Fellowship *will not* be awarded to:

- persons who are deceased; or
- current staff or candidates of the College or to persons being remunerated by the College; or
- a person who is not a medical practitioner; or
- current elected representatives in government at local, state and federal level.

3.0 NOMINATIONS

- The College Office will seek nominations annually from College Fellows and is considered by the Board.
- The Board will vote on nominations by secret ballot. Any person nominated for the Honorary Fellowship shall not be consulted by the Board in relation to any particulars relating to their nomination, nor at any time prior to the Board's decision.
- Nominations are to be strictly confidential by all persons concerned and should not be made knowledge to the nominee. Nominators will be notified individually of the outcome of their nominations.

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- The Board will advise all nominators of the outcome.
- The President will notify the nominee to confirm their willingness to receive the award and discuss the investiture process.
- Nominations rejected by the Board may be reconsidered if proposed and seconded at a subsequent Board meeting.
- The Honorary Fellowship will be presented to the recipient at the conferment ceremony in the year in which the nomination is approved by the Board and the President has the responsibility for ensuring an appropriate celebration takes place.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination of the Honorary Fellow award, the following must be met:

- the nominee must have demonstrated significant management skills at a senior executive or academic level;
- another College Fellow must act as a referee to endorse and support the nomination;
- nominations will not be eligible after the closing date;
- assessment of nominations will be conducted by the Board.

5.0 RECIPIENTS

- are invited to the graduation ceremony and are expected to join the academic procession;
- are presented, (in the appropriate honorary academic dress), with a testamur and a copy of the citation given at the ceremony;
- may be invited to deliver an address to College candidates;
- may use the post nominal FRACMA (Hon);
- will have their name recorded in the College Handbook;
- will receive copies of the College Journal and other newsletters; and
- are ineligible to vote at RACMA Annual General Meetings.

5.1 The presentation of the RACMA Honorary Fellowship does not equate to election to Fellowship, nor does it provide eligibility to be placed on the Australian or New Zealand specialist register as a Medical Administrator.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE AWARD

- Expenses incurred by the recipient to receive the award are not reimbursed.
- Recipients are exempt from paying annual subscriptions

7.0 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Honorary Fellow Nomination form

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