

# *The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police*

## Life Membership

**Applications will be accepted in early 2017 for consideration**



The MACP constitution establishes minimum criteria for the selection to MACP Life Membership. Article II (Membership) Section 1-d provides:

Article II, Section 1.d "Life Members": Any Active-Voting, Active, or Associate member, in good standing as of the end of the preceding calendar year, with more than ten (10) years of continuous membership, may be elected a Life Member at the business session of any annual meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting: Provided,

- (1) Said member shall have been honorably retired from police service, or
- (2) Said member, other than those who have been honorably retired from the police service, shall have attained sixty (60) years of age; and
- (3) Said member shall have been recommended by the Board of Directors.
- (4) All past presidents of this Association who have been honorably retired from the police profession shall be granted a Life Membership in this Association.

Life members shall have all the rights and privileges of the membership class held at the time of election to life membership, except that no life member shall hold office. The Executive Director of the Association shall issue such elected members a life membership card.

#### **AUTHORITY:**

**The Board of Directors has delegated review, screening and recommending of Life membership candidates to the MACP Past Presidents' Committee. The MACP Past Presidents' Committee, in carrying out this assignment and responsibility is desirous of establishing and communicating the philosophy and procedures to be followed by that committee in making such recommendations. Contained herein are the philosophy and procedures which the MACP Past Presidents' committee will follow:**

#### **POLICY:**

1. The MACP Past Presidents' Committee is desirous of recommending all qualified candidates who meet MACP constitutional requirements and who by their contributions and active participation in MACP affairs have significantly contributed to the betterment of the police profession and to this association.
2. MACP Past Presidents, who meet MACP constitution requirements, will automatically be recommended to the Board of Directors for Life Membership.
3. **MACP members who meet constitutional requirements for eligibility for life members will be recommended for Life Membership after consideration of the following:**  
--Committees actively served on during MACP membership. Consideration shall be given by MACP

Past Presidents to the level of active participation, leadership and contributions to MACP. MACP members who have not been significantly active in MACP affairs will not be recommended for membership. Membership on a committee without active participation will not result in a positive recommendation. *Regular attendance at annual and semi-annual conferences, while considered, will not in itself without other contributions, lead to a positive recommendation for Life Membership.*

4. Personal record of eligible member. Eligible candidates must be in good standing both in MACP affairs and in their community. Candidates under indictment, public controversy, facing allegations of public corruption or impropriety, or known to be convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime, will not be initially recommended. Such cases will be tabled for further study and report to the Past Presidents at the following annual meeting. If issues are resolved to the Past Presidents' satisfaction and judgment, candidates may be recommended for Life Membership.
5. **Excluding Past Presidents, retiring that year, the Past Presidents' Committee in their deliberations will recommend a maximum of six eligible candidates for Life Membership in the association in any one calendar year.**
6. The Past Presidents' Committee, in addition to these policies, may consider and recommend for Life Membership, if eligible, and/or for special association recognition, any retired or past association member of any membership classification, due to the exceptional contributions to the association the retiree or past member has made. The Board of Directors shall be free to accept or reject any such recommendation.

#### **PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED:**

1. At least 30 days prior to the Annual Conference, the MACP Executive Director shall provide all MACP Past Presidents with a roster of nominated, *eligible* members. **Include a summary record of committee service, Board of Directors service, total years of membership, and any other pertinent information on file or know to the Executive Director.**
2. Any member wishing to be considered for Life Membership may apply directly for consideration. **Application should contain summary information on the applicant's service, participation and contributions to the MACP.** Such applications should be turned in to the Executive Director no later than 45 days prior to the Annual Conference. The Executive Director shall forward such applications to all MACP Past Presidents with the mailing of eligible chiefs and any discrepancies from MACP records should be noted.
3. Past Presidents will meet prior to the Annual Conference, or as scheduled by chairman of Past Presidents' committee, to evaluate each eligible candidate. Recommended Life Membership candidates, consistent with these guidelines, selected by majority vote, will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their consideration at the annual conference of the association.
4. The immediate Past President shall coordinate and provide such information to the Board of Directors
5. All discussion by MACP Past Presidents shall be in confidence between that committee. Only positive recommendations and reasons, therefore, shall be provided to the Board of Directors.