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Purpose: Lifetime & Honorary Memberships

Section I

1. Lifetime Memberships:

In accordance with Article 8, Section 2 of the current STARFLEET Constitution, the STARFLEET Executive Committee shall on a yearly basis recommend one (1) member who has achieved the Rank of full Admiral to the Admiralty Board for consideration for a lifetime membership. It is at the Executive Committee's discretion to invoke special circumstances to honor a member who has not yet achieved the rank of full Admiral.

2. Criteria:

A member nominated for a Lifetime membership, having already achieved the second highest rank STARFLEET can bestow, will have shown achievement well beyond their last promotion and in their work have made a lasting contribution to all of STARFLEET. Furthermore, they are expected to have held their current rank for no less than 5 years and be STARFLEET a member in good standing at the time of the Award.

The above criteria can be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee in circumstances that they feel warrants special attention.

However, Lifetime memberships shall be open only to those who actively partake in everyday activities within STARFLEET and who have throughout their tenure expressed enjoyment in being associated with STARFLEET.

Pursuant to Article 8, Section 2 of the current STARFLEET Constitution an outgoing Commander, STARFLEET shall be awarded a Lifetime Membership unless a motion to deny this privilege is carried by a majority of the combined Admiralty Board and the outgoing Executive Committee.

3. Nominations:

The Executive Committee should make a recommendation to the Admiralty Board at some time before the annual STARFLEET International Conference. If at all possible, the actual awarding should occur at the annual Conference. If this is not possible it is at the Commander, STARFLEET's discretion to select an alternate venue to announce the award or distribute the announcement via established communication channels, such as the Communiqué, the CSR or the various Internet mediums. Only one member can be nominated per calendar year. In the event that the Executive Committee invokes special circumstances, a second nomination may be made. This also may only be done once per calendar year.

4. Balloting:

A two-thirds majority vote of the Admiralty Board, as currently defined by the STARFLEET Constitution, is required to bestow a Lifetime Membership. The balloting process itself shall follow the established guidelines for passing an Admiralty Board Resolution. If the nominated candidate fails to achieve that majority, no Lifetime memberships will be awarded. The member may be re-nominated at a later time without penalty.

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5. Revocation:

If at any time during their career in STARFLEET, a Lifetime member conducts himself in such a way that he/she brings harm and discredit to their Chapter, Region or STARFLEET itself, then the Admiralty Board may revoke their Lifetime Memberships.

The Inspector General, STARFLEET will be charged with handling an investigation to examine the matters at hand and how they relate to the members' Lifetime Membership. If said investigation concludes that there is reason to believe that the members conduct was less than honorable, the AB may revoke the Lifetime Membership by a vote of two-thirds majority.

If at any time three successive mailings from STARFLEET to the member in question are returned with a label of "Address Unknown", the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET may suspend the membership of the Lifetime Member until such time as a proper address is re-acquired once more.

6. Termination & Re-activation:

Once every two (2) years, the Chief of Computer Operations may choose to contact a Lifetime Member to verify that they are indeed still interested in receiving their membership materials. If the response is negative or is returned with no answer given, the Chief of Computer Operations may suspend such a membership until such time as the Lifetime Member asks for it to be re-instated.

A Lifetime Member may also petition the Chief of Computer Operations to have his membership terminated. If at a later date this member chooses to re-associate with STARFLEET, his Lifetime Membership can be re-instated by a majority vote of the Admiralty Board.

Section II

1. Honorary Memberships:

In accordance with Article 8, Section 2 of the current STARFLEET Constitution, the STARFLEET Executive Committee shall on a yearly basis recommend one (1) candidate for an honorary membership. An honorary membership is defined as a suspension of membership dues for a period of no less than one (1) and no more than three (3) years, while extending all the privileges that membership in STARFLEET carries with it.

2. Criteria:

A person nominated for an Honorary STARFLEET Membership should have distinguished themselves via their service to STARFLEET or the Star Trek Community at large.

3. Nominations:

The Executive Committee should make a recommendation to the Admiralty Board at some time before the annual STARFLEET International Conference. If this is not possible it is at the Commander, STARFLEET's discretion to select an alternate venue to announce the award distribute the announcement via established communication channels, such as the Communiqué,

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the CSR or the various Internet mediums. Only one member can be nominated per calendar year.

Before nominating a Cast and Crewmember of the various Star Trek television programs, it is advised that written contact is established with said person and verified that the receipt of said membership is not contrary to their wishes.

4. Balloting:

A two-thirds majority vote of the Admiralty Board, as currently defined by the STARFLEET Constitution, is required to bestow an Honorary Membership. The balloting process itself shall follow the established guidelines for passing an Admiralty Board Resolution. If the nominated candidate fails to achieve that majority, no Honorary Membership will be awarded. The candidate may be re-nominated at a later time without penalty.

5. End of Membership Period:

At the end of the Honorary Membership period, the member will be returned to category of dues-paying member. If warranted, a recipient of an Honorary Membership can be nominated and awarded a second such membership at the conclusion of the first.

In the case of Cast and Crewmembers of the various Star Trek Television programs, the option will be given for the various chapters of STARFLEET to "host" a celebrity so honored. The chapter will be allowed to roster this person on their Chapter Roster and will subsequently be responsible for the upkeep of the celebrity's membership dues. Only 1 such member may be rostered on a chapter at any given time.

If at any time three successive mailings from STARFLEET to the member in question are returned with a label of "Address Unknown", the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET may suspend the membership of the Honorary Member until such time as a proper address is re-acquired once more.

6. Termination and Re-Activation:

Once every two (2) years, the Chief of Computer Operations may choose to contact a Honorary Member to verify that they are indeed still interested in receiving their membership materials. If the response is negative or is returned with no answer given, the Chief of Computer Operations may suspend such a membership until such time as the Honorary Member asks for it to be re-instated.

An Honorary Member may also petition the Chief of Computer Operations to have their membership terminated. If at a later date this Member chooses to re-associate with STARFLEET, his Honorary Membership have treated as if it had been concluded and the Member is subject to the same processes as outlines in Section II-6 above.

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