

SBYC - Honorary Membership for the Women's Organization

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for awarding Honorary Membership.

The grade of Honorary Member is a significant honor bestowed by the Women's Organization (WO), and is awarded for life to an individual. This award is to acknowledge those who have served the WO at SBYC through significant involvement in the affairs of the club at an extraordinary high level.

Those holding the title of Honorary Member receive complimentary lifetime membership to the WO at SBYC. At the annual meeting, (generally held as a dinner in December), new Honorary Members will be recognized by the person(s) who initiated the nomination.

Once an individual is recognized as a Honorary Member, she cannot hold office, nor can she vote on topics discussed during WO - BOD meetings. The Honorary Member can decline if she chooses to continue as a active member, with full voting rights and ability to hold office.

Eligibility

Per the WO at SBYC, honorary membership may be conferred on regular members who:

- a. Are in good standing with the WO;
- b. Have demonstrated significant involvement in the affairs of the SBYC, reaching an extraordinary level. **

**Selection Criteria: Beyond the requirements of membership, the most telling criterion is the service to the WO at SBYC. The appropriate level of this service is not any set quantity of volunteer, committee, or governance activities; or offices held. Significant involvement defines a recognizable level of extraordinary service to, and impact on, the Women's Organization and the club as a whole. It is the duty of both the nominator(s) to explain and the WO - BOD to evaluate the record of service and judge whether or not the level of involvement is far above the norm (i.e., extraordinary).

Nomination & Criteria

Nomination is established through the SBYC Women's Organization Constitution, with the following criteria for approval:

- a. A written presentation of the candidate can be submitted, or candidates can be discussed at Women's Board of Directors meeting . Specific reasons for the nomination should be identified.
- b. Nominations are discussed and elected unanimously by the Women's Board of Directors.