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## **Honorary Members and Fellows Selection Criteria and Procedures**

### **Honorary Members**

Distinguished Germanists or specialists in second language acquisition with a focus on *Deutsch als Fremdsprache*, to a number not to exceed thirty, residing in any country, may be elected to honorary membership. A maximum of three new Honorary Members may be elected each year.

#### *Criteria*

The Committee on Honorary Members/Fellows suggests that the following criteria be used by members of the Association in proposing individuals for honorary membership:

1. Nominees should be recognized scholars of international stature who have contributed to the advancement of Germanic studies in the fields of literary studies, linguistics, second language acquisition, or pedagogy, or distinguished K-12 educators with significant regional and/or national impact.
2. They should be committed to the purposes of the Association, namely, the fomenting of friendly relations among Germanists and the promotion of a sympathetic knowledge and understanding of the language, literatures, and cultures of German-speaking peoples.
3. Nominees are usually the authors of important works dealing with German language, literature, linguistics, or language acquisition, and have been recognized by memberships in academies or institutes that deal with those disciplines.

## **Honorary Fellows**

Distinguished men and women of letters, to a number not to exceed thirty, residing in any country, may be elected Honorary Fellows. A maximum of three new Honorary Fellows may be elected each year.

### *Criteria*

The Committee on Honorary Members/Fellows suggests that the following criteria be used by members of the Association in nominating as honorary fellows “distinguished men and women of letters”:

1. The term “men and women of letters” is to be interpreted in a broad sense. Nominees may be distinguished scholars or professionals in German studies fields outside language and literature; or they may be creative writers or essayists.
2. Like honorary members, they should be committed to the purposes of the Association, namely, the promotion of a sympathetic knowledge and understanding of the language, literatures, and cultures of German-speaking countries.
3. Nominees for honorary fellowship should have achieved recognition on a national or international level through their scholarly or creative accomplishments. They may, typically, be the recipients of prizes and will have been honored by membership in appropriate academies or societies.

## **Procedures**

1. The Committee on Honorary Members/Fellows consists of three members, who serve for three years. The committee members are appointed by the President, who also appoints the Committee Chairperson for a period of three years. Each member of the Committee on Honorary Members/Fellows may make nominations. In addition, any active AATG member – individually or through a chapter of the Association – may nominate persons as honorary members or fellows directly to the Committee on Honorary Members/Fellows by writing to the Chairperson. Nominations by individual AATG members need to be accompanied by a petition supported by ten or more members.
2. The Committee expects to receive the following material:
  - a. A formal letter of nomination signed by the nominator(s), which details the qualifications of the nominee for membership. The letter should be responsive to the criteria outlined above.
  - b. It is incumbent upon those making a nomination to provide a curriculum vitae and other biographical data. The information must include the place and date of birth of

the nominee, his or her educational background, a record of his or her professional career, a list of honors, prizes, and memberships, and a list of publications with dates. The completeness and accuracy of such information are essential if the nominators expect a favorable decision.

3. The Chairperson of the Committee provides the committee members with the materials. The Committee reviews the qualifications and chooses by a majority of votes the names of the person(s) who will be recommended.
4. Honorary Membership/Fellowship in the Association may be conferred, upon recommendation of the Executive Council, by a majority of the members present and voting at the annual Membership Meeting of the Association. The Committee Chairperson will prepare biographical sketches of nominees for distribution to the Executive Council and the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.
5. Both honorary members and fellows must be living at the time of the annual meeting. The Association does not elect to membership posthumously.

#### **Privileges of Honorary Members/Fellows**

Honorary member/fellows receive certificates of election, signed by the President and the Executive Director of the Association. They enjoy all privileges of the Association except the right to vote.