


Date: December 9, 2024
 To: Board of Directors
 From: Gregory Clark
 Subject: Life Membership Gregory Clark

Motion				
Approve to grant a life membership to Gregory Clark as presented.				
BYLAWS Paragraph 2-12				
1. Members shall be Members for Life in the following circumstances:				
b. When a distinguished Regular, Professional Associate, or Associate has been unanimously approved by the Board to be a member for life in his or her category of membership.				
*Guidelines for the selection of life members on the next page.				
Objective				
Mr. Clark asked if the Club would consider life membership in light of his length of membership and service to the club.				
Background				
Mr. Gregory Clark has been a Regular member since September 1969, paying membership dues for more than 55 years. Mr. Clark has served in the following positions (note that some records maybe missing);				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1970-1971 Member, Library Committee● 1971-1972 Third Director, Board of Directors● 1974-1975 Forth Director, Board of Directors● 1977-1978 Chairman, Darts Committee● 1978-1979 Chairman, Darts Committee				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2002-2003 Member, Professional Activities Committee● 2004-2005 Member, Professional Activities Committee Member, Scholarship Committee● 2005-2006 Member, Professional Activities Committee Member, Freedom of the Press Committee● 2006-2007 Member, Professional Activities Committee● 2007-2008 Member, Professional Activities Committee● 2017-2018 Second Vice President, Board of Directors, Membership Committee Board Liaison, Publications Committee Board Liaison, Professional Activities Committee Member● 2020-2021 Kanji (Auditor)				
Pros & Cons				
PROS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Recognizes a long-standing member’s service to the club.				
CONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Negligible loss of dues revenue.				
Financial impact				
Negligible loss of dues revenue.				
RACI Matrix	Responsibility	Authority	Consult	Inform
	Management	Board of Directors	Guidelines for the Selection of FCCJ Life Members	Member

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GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF FCCJ LIFE MEMBERS

This is intended to help the Board of Directors interpret the second sentence of Bylaw 2-11, which reads: "A distinguished Regular, Professional Associate or Associate may also be made a member for life in his or her category of membership by unanimous board approval." The following proposed guidelines should not be viewed as absolute rules, rights or criteria and should be applied with appropriate flexibility and care.

--Anyone considered for Life Membership should have served the Club with such distinction and impact that he or she stands out strikingly and naturally as a candidate. No Board should feel any obligation to find or designate Life members.

--A candidate for Life membership shall have had an impeccable record of membership in good standing, not having tarnished the image of the Club or behaved in ways disruptive, detrimental to or distasteful to its atmosphere and members. He or she shall never have been chronically delinquent in settling Club accounts, have been censured in any way, or abused his or her position in the Club for personal gain or privilege.

--A candidate for Life membership shall be at least 50 years of age and have been a dues-paying member in good standing for at least 20 years.

--Irrespective of service to the Club, individuals aged 90 or more who have been members for at least 30 years, have demonstrated a strong interest in the Club, and meet other Guidelines should be considered for Life membership.

--Barring unusual circumstances, the number of Life members should be limited to 60 and those who are not former Presidents held to no more than 15. (As best as we can determine, there currently are 53 Life members--38 former Presidents, 5 Charter Members who never served as President, and 10 others).

Respectfully submitted,

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