

### Interpretive Criteria for SLSA Honours Awards

Recognition Award	Interpretative Criteria	Interpretative Questions
<p><b>Life Membership</b></p> <p>“...<u>distinguished</u> voluntary service ...20 years ...both <u>sustained</u>...and provide a <u>conspicuous contribution</u>”</p> <p><i>The <b>point of distinction</b> to this recognition award is <b><u>the distinguished nature of their contribution</u></b> over at least 20 years that <b><u>sets them apart from other significant service by other members.</u></b></i></p>	<p>A SLSA Life Member ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will have maintained a sustained level of conspicuous service at a level that brings distinction to that service.</li> <li>• Will have made an individual contribution that can be classified as unique, and which can be attributed to that person as opposed to being a member of a wider group of members.</li> <li>• Will have given distinguished service to SLSA over a period spanning at least 20 years.</li> <li>• The unique and distinguished nature of the service can be at different levels of SLSA provided that the nomination evidences exemplary and distinguished service that can be seen as a unique contribution to the advancement of Surf Life Saving in Australia.</li> <li>• An emphasis on primacy of service at state/ national level is a key interpretive criterion, with the significance of service at branch and club levels being taken into consideration when it can be demonstrated that the distinguished nature such service is found in the innovative and leading best practice provided to assist in the development of SLSA.</li> <li>• Will be of good standing and well respected.</li> </ul>	<p>Key questions to be applied at this level include ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would the movement be as far advanced without their contribution, that is, did any other member/s step up and achieve the same outcome</li> <li>• What distinguishes this service and contribution beyond that of others? For example             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A member who researched and developed a new technique that made a significant difference to saving lives such as the introduction of CPR, motorized rescue craft etc would be considered but a person who has been a patrol captain for 20 years would not of itself qualify.</li> <li>ii. An official who refereed at National and International Championship level for many years would be considered but an official who attended and officiated at the National level for 20 years would not of itself qualify</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What makes this person’s contribution unique amongst the SLSA membership?</li> <li>• What contribution(s) are directly attributable to this person (apart from others)?</li> <li>• How has this contribution advanced Surf</li> </ul>

<p><b>Significant Service Award (President's Medal)</b></p> <p>"... <u>significant</u> and <u>outstanding</u> voluntary service ...20 years"</p> <p><i>The <b>point of distinction</b> to this recognition award is the sustained high level of outstanding service over at least 20 years that <b>has made significant contribution to Surf Life Saving in Australia.</b></i></p>	<p>A recipient of the Significant Service Award (President's Medal)...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has made a significant contribution to the advancement of Surf Life Saving in Australia.</li> <li>• Has sustained a high level of service that places them in a group of members who have exemplified sustained outstanding practice to maintain SLSA's advancement and development</li> <li>• Is an exemplary model of commitment, good practice and a sustained level of high performance</li> <li>• Has evidenced this level of service at any level of SLSA provided that the service demonstrates a sustained contribution to model best practice within SLSA</li> <li>• This award may be awarded on the basis of a member's service over a career in SLS, but may also be awarded to members who have demonstrated significant and outstanding service, but who have, as yet, not reached the level of distinguished service required for Life membership.</li> <li>• Will be of good standing and well respected.</li> </ul>	<p>Key questions to be applied at this level include ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes this person's service significant within SLSA?</li> <li>• What has been the sustained nature of this significant service?</li> <li>• What has been the significant contribution made through this service?</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Sustained Service Certificate</b></p> <p>“...<u>sustained</u> and <u>committed</u> voluntary service ... 20 years”</p> <p><i>The <b>point of distinction</b> to this recognition award is the <u>sustained and committed nature</u> of this person’s service over at least 20 years at any level of SLSA.</i></p>	<p>A recipient of the Sustained Service Certificate ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has demonstrated a commitment to sustained service at any level of SLSA</li> <li>• This award is not a service award, but requires a person to have demonstrated sustained and committed service by being active in the life of the club / branch / state /national.</li> </ul>	<p>Key questions to be applied at this level include ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the nature of this person’s service that makes it sustained and committed?</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Lifesaving Federation Citation of Merit</b></p> <p>“contributed to the <u>furtherance of lifesaving</u> and the goals of ILS in a manner of enduring global importance”</p>	<p>A recipient of the ILS Citation of Merit..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has previously been awarded National Awards including Meritorious, Life Membership, Lifesaver/Volunteer/ Lifeguard of the Year &amp; Innovation Award.</li> <li>• In addition, members who have contributed to significant international projects and/ or events or to national projects with international significance should also be nominated for ILS Citations.</li> <li>• This includes capacity building programs with developing nations, educational tours, the conduct of sporting events and Sponsors, Donors, Politicians that have made significant contribution to the growth and sustainability of SLSA.</li> <li>• Will be of good standing and well respected.</li> </ul>	<p>Key questions to be applied at this level include ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has this person contributed to the furtherance of lifesaving?</li> <li>• Has this person made a significant contribution to the growth and sustainability of SLS Nationally or Internationally.</li> </ul>