



## Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Lifetime Membership Policy

The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation/Fondation canadienne pour la revitalisation rurale (CRRF/FCRR) was established in 1989 to contribute to the revitalization and sustainability of rural Canada through collaborative research for rural leaders in the community, private sector, and in all levels of government.

The board of directors of CRRF/FCRR, at their discretion, may grant a lifetime membership award to any person who has demonstrated an outstanding career of contributions to the betterment of rural Canada. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for lifetime membership. The award consists of the following:

- free membership in CRRF/FCRR,
- acknowledgement on CRRF/FCRR website,
- acknowledgement in CRRF/FCRR E-Zine.

The Lifetime Membership Award need not be presented every year. The Award is an ongoing process and will be presented only to suitable candidates. The Award will be presented at a CRRF/FCRR event or activity where the recipient can be best recognized.

### CRITERIA

- The nominee may be a current CRRF/FCRR member, former CRRF/FCRR member, or has been closely associated with advancing the goals, objectives and activities of CRRF/FCRR. In recognition of membership record keeping before 2011, a nominee must have been active in CRRF/FCRR projects, activities, or decision-making for a period of at least five years.
- The achievements demonstrated by the nominee must include but are not restricted to the following:
  - long term involvement with rural development in Canada;
  - exceptional commitment to CRRF/FCRR through service as a board member, volunteer, or active supporter of CRRF/FCRR and its objectives
  - demonstrated achievements and recognition by peers in rural development;
  - outstanding contribution to the development and/or growth of rural development research, policy, and practice in Canada or internationally;
- No member of the board is eligible for nomination while serving in that role.



## PROCESS FOR SELECTION

The CRRF/FCRR board of directors will announce an annual call for nominations for lifetime membership consideration in the spring. Submissions need to include a brief description of the contributions of the nominee and be supported by at least two current members in good standing of CRRF/FCRR.

Submissions are to be submitted in confidence to the executive. After the closing date for nominations the executive will review submissions received and vote to grant lifetime memberships. In making the decision, the executive will be guided by criteria listed earlier and the following considerations:

- in any one intake of the nominations presented, none may be of sufficient merit to receive a lifetime membership,
- normally no more than two lifetime memberships will be granted in one year, however, it is recognized that the first few years may exceed this number, and
- the executive will consider only those nominations that have been proposed by the deadline.

Each nominee who receives positive votes from at least 2/3 of those present and voting shall be awarded a lifetime membership, provided it does not exceed the maximum number of lifetime memberships given out in a year. If more than two nominees receive positive votes from 2/3 the executive will be responsible for selecting the lifetime members through discussion.

The executive will only announce successful candidates, with all information pertaining to unsuccessful nominations being destroyed by the executive. The President, or member of the executive, will notify all successful candidates soon after the vote.

*Adopted by the Board of Directors on 17 December 2012.*