**ELECTION TO FELLOWSHIP | ELECTION CYCLE 2019/20**

**LSW GUIDANCE: Guidance Notes for Proposers: Honorary Fellows**

**Certificates of Recommendation:**

1. The ‘Certificate of Recommendation’ must be completed by THREE Fellows: a Lead Proposer and TWO Seconding Proposers.
2. The deadline for submission is **14 October 2019.**
3. The Council members considering this recommendation will not necessarily be specialists in the candidate’s field, so this should be kept in mind when completing the form.
4. Please refer to the ‘Criteria for election of Honorary Fellows’ below when completing the form.
5. The recommendation should be kept **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL** between the Proposer, Seconding Proposers and the Society.
6. The recommendations will be reviewed by Council on **16 October 2019**, and a decision made whether to advance the recommendation to full candidature.
7. Other than in exceptional circumstances as may be defined by the Council, **not more than two Honorary Fellows may be elected to the Society in any one Society Year.**
8. The Society will contact the Lead Proposer following the Council meeting in October, inviting them to complete the Nomination Form before the deadline of **10 January 2020.**
9. Should a recommended candidate not be progressed to full candidature, his/her certificate of recommendation shall remain valid for further consideration for a further FIVE Society Years, during which period Proposers may submit an updated Certificate of Recommendation.

**Honorary Fellowship Nomination Form**

1. Once progressed to full nomination, it is the Lead Proposer’s responsibility to secure the written consent of the candidate, and to make them aware that this is an election that requires ballot of the Fellowship.
2. The nomination form must be signed by the candidate as well as THREE Fellows: the Lead Proposer and TWO Seconding Proposers.
3. Communications on the candidature shall normally take place with the Proposer only.

**ANNEX**

**Criteria for election of Honorary Fellows**

Honorary Fellows of the Learned Society of Wales are a category of Fellow who have made a meaningful connection with the purposes for which the Society had been established, and who have made a distinguished contribution to the promotion of those purposes.

The bye-laws of the Society’s Royal Charter (11.1) provide that:

 (i) Such persons may be elected to be Honorary Fellows whose excellence and achievement mean that their election to be Honorary Fellows is deemed to be of benefit to the reputation and activities of the Society.

Election to Honorary Fellowship should be exceptional and offered only to persons of outstanding distinction.

Although precise criteria and measures of distinction may vary between different fields, in all cases excellence can be defined more specifically, in terms of:

1. Original contributions;
2. The impact of these contributions;
3. The professional standing of the candidate in question.

The following criteria should also be taken into account (although not all will be applicable to every case):

* **fundamental research**: the quality of original contributions in research and scholarship, their impact on the subject, and the individual’s international standing
* **applied research**: the quality of original contributions in research and its application, their impact on the user community, and the individual’s international standing
* **the professions**: the quality of original contributions to the profession, their impact on practice and understanding, and the individual’s professional standing, particularly in the context of public service
* **breadth of engagement in activities beyond the immediate specialism**: contributions to multidisciplinary activities, public service and/or engagement with the wider public in the context of fostering a better understanding of the individual’s field
* **areas of public service**: the quality of original contributions, their impact on the community, and the individual’s professional standing, particularly including evidence of a wider contribution to society and/or academic life
* **the performing and creative arts**: the quality of original contributions to cultural life, their impact in the field, and the individual’s national and international standing
* **business and industry**: the quality of original contributions, their impact on the field of endeavour, and the individual’s professional standing, including evidence of a wider contribution to society and/or academic life

A list of current Honorary Fellows is available on the website: [www.learnedsociety.wales/honorary-fellows/](http://www.learnedsociety.wales/honorary-fellows/)

Objects of the Society

The objects of the Society shall be for the benefit of the community, to advance learning and knowledge, and thereby to promote and contribute to cultural, social, environmental and economic development within Wales and beyond.

The Mission of the Learned Society of Wales is to:

* Celebrate and encourage excellence in all of the scholarly disciplines including the professions, industry and commerce, the arts and public service;
* Promote the advancement of learning and scholarship and the dissemination and application of the results of academic enquiry and research;
* and Act as an independent source of expert scholarly advice and commentary on matters affecting the wellbeing of Wales and its people