

## **Honorary Membership Guidelines**

In accordance with the Prairie View Nurses Alumni Chapter By-Laws, the Executive Board of the chapter shall have the power to confer honorary membership to any person it deems worthy as the same upon two thirds majority votes.

### **Criteria**

In considering if an individual has made an outstanding contribution to the chapter, the Executive Board shall consider the following criteria and any others they deem appropriate, responding on the basis of each individual's merits/service.

- Active members of the chapter should not be eligible for this designation.
- An individual who has provided distinguished service to the College of Nursing shall be given distinguished preferred consideration.
- Significant and ethical service to the chapter, on committees or volunteer service, over an extended period of time (1 year or greater)
- Significant contribution through employment over an extended period of time (1 year or greater)
- Demonstrated leadership qualities during a lengthy career and well recognized in the community and industry, and having an impact at the community and national level.

### **Nomination Process**

- Members of the chapter in good standing may submit to the Membership Chair, in writing, at any time, the name of an individual for consideration as an Honorary Member.
- The Executive Board shall publish a written request annually for members to submit nominations.
- The persons nominating a potential honoree should submit a brief biography, including accomplishments, criteria met, and reasons for granting honorary membership.
- The Executive Board will review all submissions received and present to the membership, at the March General Meeting, their recommendation for Honorary Membership designations.
- A majority vote of the membership present at the meeting will be required for approval.

### **Recognition**

- Individuals receiving Honorary Membership designation shall be awarded an engraved recognition plaque.
- Honorary members shall be recognized and publicized at chapter events and programs.

### **Membership Benefits/Privileges**

- Annual Chapter Membership fees shall be waived for Honorary Members.
- Honorary Members may participate in all meetings, but shall not have a vote.
- Honorary Members shall be required to pay registration fees for all chapter events.
- Honorary Members are not eligible to serve on the chapter committees, but may be consulted as advisors.