

Agreed criteria for awarding honorary membership of the NBN Trust

For the honorary membership to be awarded, the nominee must meet at least one of the criteria listed below.

1. An outstanding personal contribution to biological recording including the mentoring of others
2. A long established contribution as a scheme organiser involving, for example, significant advancement of recording methodologies, extension of recording at a national scale to a wider range of taxa, development and application of taxonomy for biological recording
3. A significant technical contribution to development of the NBN leading to new opportunities for accessing or using biological records
4. Through a major motivational leadership role in biological recording contributing to the NBN
5. Innovative use of the data collected by Biological Recorders that significantly advances understanding or influences policy and practice

Process

1. The NBN Trust Secretariat will contact all eligible members at the start of each calendar year to issue a call for honorary member nominations.
2. Members nominating a particular candidate should ensure that the candidate fits the criteria for honorary membership. They should also provide a profile of the candidate in support of the nomination.
3. The nominations must be sent in writing to the Secretariat by the first Friday in June, these will then be taken forward to the Board of Trustees for approval.
4. Approval will be by majority vote of the Board being quorate. It is expected that just one award will be made following each call, although the Board of Trustees reserve the right to either make no awards or multiple awards, depending on the quality of the nominations received.
5. The decision of the Board of Trustees will be final.
6. If elected, honorary members will be presented with a commemorative certificate and a NBN Trust badge. The Honorary Member Award will be presented at the annual NBN Conference. If the nominee is unable to attend a suitable alternative presentation option will be agreed between the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Secretariat.

7. Financial support will be provided by the NBN Trust to the honorary member to attend the annual conference if they are required to fund their own costs. This will consist of a conference fee waiver and payment of any expenses incurred for travel to and from the venue only.
8. Honorary Members shall be required to confirm in writing to the Secretariat that they are willing to become members of the Trust.