



## **CPA LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

*\*The CPA awards program runs on a biennial basis, aligning with CPA Congress (even years). Only the Helen Saarinen Rahikka Student Leadership Award will be open for nominations during non-Congress (odd) years.*

### Philosophy

A physiotherapist that is involved in professional activities provides other physical therapists with the essential role model of professional behaviors and practice. A physiotherapist who maintains this valuable contribution throughout their career is a rare and most highly valued member of the profession. Professional leadership should be fostered and supported by the Association and the profession by recognizing outstanding and lasting contributions.

### History

The concept of Life Membership was proposed and accepted at the 1945 CPA Annual General Meeting. However due to various delays the first Life Membership Awards were not given until 1956. Life Membership entitles recipients to CPA Full Membership dues-free for life.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Life Membership Award is to recognize physiotherapists who have provided outstanding service of long duration to the profession and the Association.

### Criteria for Selection

The candidate's peers must recognize the individual as having contributed to the profession and the Association through outstanding service. This significant contribution must be sustained over a period of twenty-five years or longer of CPA membership and service to the profession at a local, provincial and/or national level.

Examples of eligible activities include (but are not limited to):

- promoting the physiotherapy profession nationally;
- leadership which serves to motivate others to become involved in professional activities;
- raising the profile of the Association within the physiotherapy profession.



### Eligibility

The individual must be a physiotherapist with current or past CPA membership of 25 years or longer.

### Selection of Candidate(s)

The CPA Award Committee will select the recipient(s). This award has an unlimited number of potential recipients.

### Presentation

The award will be presented biennially at Congress.

### Form of Award

- Recognition at Congress
- A framed certificate signed by the CPA President and CPA Awards Committee Chair
- \$200 towards Congress registration
- CPA full membership for life

### Nomination Procedure

Nominations must be made by either a CPA member or CPA Component (CPA Branch, CPA Division, or CPA Assembly). All nominations are confidential between the nominator(s) and the CPA Awards Committee.

The nomination must include:

- At least two but not more than four letters of recommendation, none of which shall exceed four pages. At least one letter of recommendation will be from a CPA member or CPA Component, and that member or Component shall be identified as the primary nominator.
- The letters must outline the uniqueness of the individual and how she/he meets the criteria for the award.
- Curriculum Vitae of the candidate.



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## Nomination Process

The call for nominations typically launches at the end of the year (December), through a CPA member e-blast. Nominations must be submitted online, typically by the end of February the following year. Award winners and primary nominators will be notified in April.