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## **CPA HONORARY 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**

Contributions to physiotherapy by individuals that are not members of the profession should be fostered, supported and recognized by the Association and the profession. Such contributions may come from public officials, health professionals or others who demonstrate an extended commitment to the mission of the CPA and the values of the profession.

### **History**

The Honorary Membership Award was initiated in 1921, whereby recipients of the award would receive all the benefits of CPA membership except the right to hold office. Recipients have included both physiotherapists and non-physiotherapists. In 2017, this award was split into two: Honorary Membership for non-physiotherapists, and the new CPA Professional Contribution Award for physiotherapists. Honorary members may receive all the privileges of full membership except for voting and nomination rights, and pay no fees.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Honorary Membership Award is to recognize non-physiotherapist individuals who have enhanced the profession through a sustained contribution of at least five years.

### **Criteria for Selection**

The candidate's nominators must recognize the individual as having enhanced the profession and the Association in a unique manner and through outstanding service over a period of at least five years. The significant contribution must be of national significance to the Association and its members.



Activities that will be considered may include but are not limited to:

- Promotion of the physical therapy profession nationally;
- Leadership which serves to motivate others to become involved in CPA activities;
- Involvement in raising the profile of the Association within the physical therapy profession;
- Significant sustained support of the profession.

### **Eligibility**

The individual must not be a member of the physiotherapy profession, and has contributed to, promoted, or supported the association or the profession over a minimum of five years.

### **Selection of Candidate**

The CPA Awards Committee will select the recipient.

### **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 membership privileges for life, with the exception of voting rights

### **Nomination Procedures**

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.



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- The letters must outline the uniqueness of the individual and how she/he meets the criteria for the award.
- Curriculum Vitae of the candidate, or detailed description of the organization.

### **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.