

## **ASERA Emeritus Membership**

*This document was written in 2021 by ASERA Board Members to provide transparency to the awarding of Emeritus Membership.*

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A judgement is made regarding the overall, sustained, and distinguished nature of the nominee's contribution to ASERA and ASERA's aims. It is therefore inevitable that there is considerable subjectivity in the granting of life membership.

There is no expectation that an emeritus nominee will be recognised each year. It is possible for more than one member to be recognised as emeritus in a single year.

The ASERA Board will determine the awarding of emeritus status following the receipt of a nomination. The Board may seek advice, establish a working party, or take other actions the Board deems suitable to consider applications.

Criteria for emeritus status are flexible and provide a guideline regarding the achievements and characteristics of potential nominees. They are not intended as a checklist but as a guide for nomination. Different nominees will have different strengths.

The examples below are not intended to be exhaustive or limiting.

### **Criteria for consideration**

1. The nominee must
  - be retired (not employed in paid work)
  - have had a minimum of 15 years active ASERA membership.
2. The nominee must have made a major and sustained (over many years) contribution to
  - ASERA, including very frequent presentations at ASERA conferences
  - ASERA leadership or events (e.g., active participation on ASERA Board, editing RISE, reviewing RISE articles, active member of RISE Board, convening ASERA Conference, leading ASERA workshops)
  - the ethos of ASERA. (e.g., providing positive feedback to conference presentations, providing support to other science education researchers)
  - science education research e.g., publications in research journals including RISE, major research projects
3. The nominee must be exceptional in some way(s) but not in all ways.
  - In making a nomination it is essential that the case be made that the nominee is exceptional in some way. Some nominees may have made an exceptionally prolonged contribution to ASERA. Others may have made an extraordinary contribution to science education knowledge through their research, and so on.

Nominations by members are submitted to the ASERA Secretary not less than 10 weeks prior to the annual ASERA conference. It is encouraged to have the nomination seconded.

Maximum length - about 750 words.