

NATIONAL FOLK ORGANIZATION

Protocol for Receipt and Handling of Nominations for Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership can be awarded to individuals who have provided extraordinary and long-term service to the National Folk Organization and/or its mission as stated below (Board policy on Honorary Members adopted May 5, 2011).

The purpose of the National Folk Organization is to advance and preserve folk arts representing both national and local ethnic customs as they exist throughout the United States; to promote and encourage the exchange of folk dance and dance related folklore in the United States of America and abroad, and to effectively network with those who support these objectives (Bylaws Art. 1, Sect. 2).

For consideration, nominations for Honorary Membership must be submitted to the Membership Committee Chair no later than 90 days prior to the NFO annual meeting.

The nomination will need to include the following:

1. Contact information for both the nominator and the nominee.
2. The reasons for the nomination, and specifically how the nominee fulfills the guidelines.
3. A brief biography with emphasis on aspects that support the folk arts.
4. At least two letters of support for the nomination.
5. Any other supporting documents felt appropriate.

Deadlines for submittal of nominations will be published in the NFO News and on the web-site.

The Membership Committee may submit no more than two names, suitably supported, to the Executive Committee for consideration by the Board of Trustees at least 30 days before the annual meeting of the organization. All nominations must remain absolutely confidential within the Membership Committee and the Board.