



2026 ACMA Life Membership Nomination Form

ACMA Life Membership is conferred on retired members who have provided distinguished service to local government and who have made lasting and meaningful contributions to ACMA and the profession of local government management. The Board of Directors seeks life membership nominations from Full ACMA members to ensure that those retired members who have served ACMA, their communities, and the profession in an exemplary manner are recognized for their work. As a Full member, your participation in the nomination process is critical because you are most aware of professionals that possess the outstanding characteristics that life membership represents.

There shall be two sub-categories of distinguished membership: Honorary and Life membership. All candidates for Distinguished membership must be nominated by a Full member. It shall be the function and exclusive purview of the board of directors to determine the appropriate membership sub-category and make a unanimous recommendation for individuals nominated for distinguished membership. Such recommendations shall be forwarded to the full membership of ACMA for a vote prior to the annual meeting of the members. In making this determination, the board shall consider any disciplinary actions by the ACMA, ICMA, and/or other state city/county management associations; criminal actions or other behavior that negatively impacts the perception of local government or the profession of local government managers; contributions to the profession at a level greater than the organizations served by the nominee; contributions at the national level; contributions to the profession as a whole, including through teaching or publication; and any other relevant service, accomplishment, or acts of merit. Once a recommendation has been provided by the board, distinguished membership shall be conferred upon an individual only after a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting.

Please note that ACMA Bylaws specify the following requirements for Life Members: Life member shall be the rarest designation of distinguished membership and shall represent the highest honor afforded to retired members. Life membership shall be recommended for nominees (1) who have provided distinguished service to local government with a particular focus on service within the state of Arizona; (2) who have made lasting and meaningful contributions to the Arizona City/County Management Association and to the profession of local government management; (3) and who are 65 years or older and have completed 15 years of active service to local government; or less than 65 years old and have completed 25 years of active service to local government. Nominees must be retired "from full-time active service to local government" to be eligible for life membership. This should be interpreted to mean that the person has completed his/her last active service to local government; he/she has stopped normal gainful employment or has turned to another field with no expectation of serving again in a position which would have made him/her eligible for full or associate membership in ACMA. This requirement would not apply to temporary or interim positions. Any life members who become eligible for full or associate membership in ACMA through new employment will suspend receipt of their life membership benefits until they meet all life membership criteria again. Life members shall not pay annual membership dues; or program and event fees; or for any other benefit(s) as specified by the board of directors.

Please use the attached nomination form to provide information that the Board will use to determine whether or not to recommend an individual for life membership. The form is based on the guidelines for life membership outlined in the ACMA by-laws. To be recommended for life membership, an individual will have made contributions to the profession that include contributions at the local, state, and/or national level; teaching or publication; and any other relevant service, accomplishment, or acts of merit.

Once the ACMA Board has received a nomination, the Board will consider the nomination and decide whether to recommend the nominee for life membership. If the nominee is recommended for life membership, the recommendation will be taken to an electronic vote of the ACMA membership. Recipients will be recognized at the 2026 ACMA Winter Conference in Sedona.

We urge you to give serious thought to your nomination, thank you for your participation. Please send your nomination by e-mail to: acma@azleague.org.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 21, 2025.

Nomination submitted by:

_____	_____	_____
Name	Title	Organization
_____	_____	
Phone	E-Mail Address	

Person you are nominating:

_____	_____	_____
Name	Title	Organization
_____	_____	
Phone	E-Mail Address	

**Nomination for
ACMA Life Membership**

I hereby nominate _____ of _____ for ACMA Life Membership based on the following reasons.

Your responses to the following questions will be considered when the Board of Directors determines whether or not to recommend an individual for life membership:

1. Describe the nominee's involvement in and service to ACMA (length of membership, service on the Board of Directors or other ACMA committees, awards, etc.)

2. How has the nominee contributed to the profession of local government management? (e.g., teaching, national service, outstanding contributions to the governments served by the nominee, other acts of merit or accomplishment).
3. As the nominator, please state why you believe that the nominee should be considered for the highest honor afforded to retired members and what you believe makes the nominee's contributions during their career both "lasting and meaningful."