

In 2013 the Club President empowered an ad hoc committee of existing Lifetime Members to formulate a set of guidelines/recommendations for identifying and vetting future Lifetime Members. A huge “Thank you!” to Christy Guzzetta, Edward Fishkin, Fred Steinberg, Gary McGraime, Jody Saylor, George Kaplan, and Linda Wintner for their tireless work and dedication to defining and formalizing this protocol; and to Herb Dershowitz and Jeff Vogel for their assistance and/or provocation.

Note: These are recommended guidelines, not absolutes. The NYCC Board of Directors has the authority to award Lifetime Membership irrespective of whether they meet these guidelines. However, it is suggested that all nominees for Lifetime Membership meet these criteria.

The committee defined a Points-based system, as follows:

Tenure – 1 point per year in the Club, with a minimum of 10 years continual membership required.

Board Service – 2 points for every year’s service on the Board of Directors.

Special Events – 2 points for each year the individual headed a special event, captained a SIG, or chaired a committee (e.g., ENY committee chair, Memorial Day Berkshires coordinator, July 4th West Point coordinator, SIG Captain, STS Captain, organizing a Club weekend, spearheading a special Club-wide advocacy effort, etc.)

Special attributes – The Board can, at their discretion, award additional points for this category based on a member’s participation in club events (rides, weekends, clean-up day, holiday parties, club meetings, etc.), stature (respect for others in the club, respect from others in the club, likeable, influence, etc.), passion for the Club (enjoying the club, its members, loving being a part), service to the Club (helping, assisting, pitching in, leading rides, saying “yes” when asked/needed). Recommendation: 1-5 points total.

Extraordinary Contribution – This is the most important consideration for Lifetime Membership eligibility, and as such the Board of Directors has considerable leeway in interpreting these contributions and assigning point values to them. An “Extraordinary Contribution” is defined as something that *changes life* in the Club. It dramatically and inarguably impacts the very culture of the NYCC. Examples of “Extraordinary Contributions” could include: creating the New York Cycle Club (!), writing the Club’s by-laws, inventing the SIG program, developing the Memorial Day or 4th of July Club weekends, etc. Recommendation: 10-60 points total.

Following the above guidelines, the committee recommends that a nominee should earn over 100 points in order to be considered eligible for Lifetime Membership.

If you know a Club member who you believe should be awarded a Lifetime Membership – and whom you suspect could earn >100 points via these guidelines – please forward their name to president@nycc.org, and cc secretary@nycc.org