

Dialekti ry Guideline for Commemorations and Awards

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Chapter 1 – Guideline for Commemorations and Awards

1 § This is a Guideline for Commemorations and Awards drawn adhering to the association rules of Dialekti ry, in which provisions are given on conferring Badges of Merit, Honorary Memberships and Other Awards. Provisions on wielding the association ribbon and Badges of Merit during academic or other events are given in a separate guideline document.

The association's Badges of Merit, Honorary Memberships and Other Awards are conferred on at the association's anniversary events or similar events fit for the purpose.

In this guideline the term "to confer on an Honorary Membership" is used, which means the same as "to invite as an Honorary Member" and "to declare as an Honorary Member" both of which are used in the association's rules.

2 § The association has 3 Badges of Merit, the hierarchy between them being as follows:

Golden Badge of Merit
Silver Badge of Merit
Bronze Badge of Merit

3 § The association can confer on an Honorary Membership and as separately determined, Other Awards. They are not part of the hierarchy of the Badges of Merit and don't exclude a person from the possibility of being conferred on a Badge of Merit, and neither does conferring a Badge of Merit exclude a person from the possibility of being conferred on an Honorary Membership or an Other Award.

Chapter 2 – Awards Committee

4 § The association has an Awards Committee appointed by the Board, and its task is to support the Board in matters relating to the conferring of commemorations and awards, and matters provisioned in the association rules and in this guideline. The term of the Committee is the time between the association's anniversaries.

5 § The Awards Committee consists of the association's board members, of Honorary Members, and of holders of a Badge of Merit as provisioned in Chapter 3. The Committee chooses amongst itself a chairperson to lead the Committee. If the chairperson is unable, the Committee is led by a committee member appointed by the chairperson. A quorum is present when the chairperson and at least half of the committee members are present.

The minimum size of the Committee is, including the chairperson, 4 members. In addition to the chairperson, the Committee must include at least one board member and at least one Honorary Member or a Badge of Merit -holder outside of the board.

The lineup of the Awards Committee might be supplemented mid-term if a need arises. A committee member may relinquish their position by notifying the chairperson, who notifies the association's board.

6 § The Chair of the Board drafts a proposal regarding the size and the lineup of the Committee for the Board. The possibility of representation from all the languages-as-majors must be considered while composing the Committee.

7 § A full member of the association can, either on their own volition or when asked to, send the Committee a proposition with justifications for why a certain person should be conferred a Badge of Merit, an Honorary Membership, or an Other Award. A person can't make such a proposition regarding themselves.

8 § The Awards Committee processes the propositions and drafts a proposal about the awards with justifications for the board.

The Awards Committee can also draft such a proposal about an award on its own volition. The board makes a decision on the awards based on the proposal of the Awards Committee.

A committee member is disqualified on a matter regarding themselves and can't be present when a decision on such a matter is made.

9 § The association's board has to upkeep a list that includes the people that have been awarded with a Badge of Merit, an Honorary Membership, or an Other Award, the award date and their justifications.

10 § In case the board and the Awards Committee can't come into an agreement of how to interpret this Guideline, the board has the right of interpretation, meaning that the board's view shall be adhered to, unless it contradicts the rules of the association.

Chapter 3 – Badges of Merit

11 § The association has 3 Badges of Merit – Golden, Silver and Bronze, the hierarchy of which has been provisioned in Section 2. A Badge of Merit can be conferred on an

accomplished current or former member of the association, who has been distinguished in the activities towards the goals of the association.

12 § The association's board decides on conferring on a Badge of Merit according to the provisions of Chapter 2. If the board sees it justified, it can confer on a lower or a higher Badge of Merit than the Committee proposed. For a grave reason the board can decide not to confer on a Badge of Merit at all.

13 § In the event they continue their distinguished work towards the goals of the association after being awarded a Badge, a person on whom have already been conferred a Badge of Merit, can only be conferred on a higher Badge than the one awarded before.

14 § The association's Badge of Merit is a pin on which is an emblem of the association.

Chapter 4 – Honorary Membership and Other Awards

15 § A person extraordinarily distinguished in the activities towards the goals of the association can be conferred on an Honorary Membership. The person doesn't need to be or to have been a full member of the association. The association's board decides on conferring on an Honorary Membership according to the provisions of Chapter 2. For a grave reason the board can decide not to confer on an Honorary Membership at all.

16 § A member can also be awarded Other Awards, for example a "Member of the year" - style award. These kinds of awards do not grant the member rights similar to those of an Honorary Membership and the person cannot be chosen to the Awards Committee based on this type of award alone.

17 § Instead of a person, the "Language club of the year" or a similar award shall be conferred on a language club operating within the association.

18 § The board reserves the right to make a decision on Other Awards and the basis on which they are awarded. The Awards Committee drafts a proposal on conferring on Other Awards according to the provisions of Chapter 2.