



The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE: APAGB

This Award was instituted in 1984 to be national recognition of individual club members who have given meritorious service over many years within the PAGB community of member Federations and affiliated Clubs. A Certificate and Badge are presented upon grant of the Award and holders may use the letters APAGB after their names.

GUIDANCE

The Nominee shall have given meritorious service worthy of national recognition over a period of 10 to 25 or more years. The Nominee will have served as a lecturer or judge, or as a key member of a Federation Executive or as the principal organiser of an event at Federation, National or International level. However, it is not sufficient simply to have served for a long period of time - quality and value of service are the deciding factors. All such service must have been important and beneficial to the members of affiliated Clubs. The PAGB will expect that for periods of service less than 15 years the service given will have been exceptionally beneficial.

REGULATIONS

Nomination - Nominations will only be accepted for individual Nominees. Both the Nominator and the Nominee must be members of clubs affiliated to the PAGB. A nomination must be made on the approved Nomination Form as published on the PAGB website. It must be accompanied by a comprehensive Citation and a separate Record of Service, each compiled by the Nominator who vouches for accuracy. Nominations do not require prior approval by Club or Federation but the PAGB Awards sub committee will inform the PAGB Executive Member for the Federation of the nomination. Applications will be referred back if the Citation does not sufficiently detail the contribution of the Nominee or if the Record of Service fails to give at least approximate dates of the various activities and posts held. Please remember that this national Award is granted for meritorious service, not just time served.

Citation - The Citation should convey the merit of the contribution made by the Nominee. It shall describe how the Nominee's service has been of such quality to have been important and beneficial to the members of affiliated Clubs, locally or nationally. It should also seek to show the esteem in which the Nominee is held and shall record any service honours or other formal recognition previously made at Club or Federation level. Evidence of photographic achievement is not evaluated for this award and should not be included.

Record of Service - The Record of Service must list the appointments, posts or jobs undertaken by the Nominee in date order and with at least approximate dates of the various activities and posts held.

Referees - The Nominator must supply the names of two members of Affiliated clubs who have personal knowledge of the Nominee, sufficient as far as possible, to confirm and support the Citation and Record of Service. To ensure impartiality references should not be supplied with the Nomination. A member of the PAGB Awards Sub-committee will request them separately from each Referee.

Service to One Club - In some very unusual cases this Award may be granted solely for service within one club. An extended length of active service is necessary and the Nominee must have played a key role in the affairs of that club for at least 25 to 50 years or more. It is not sufficient simply to have been a member. The Nominee must have held important committee posts on a more or less continuous basis and should have made a vital contribution to the welfare and development of that club. The PAGB will expect that for periods of service less than 30 years the Nominee's role will have been exceptionally beneficial. The case will be strengthened by evidence of even limited activity in support of other clubs and events.

Confidentiality - The Nomination must be kept strictly confidential whilst enquiries are being made and must not be made known to the Nominee until the Award is presented.

Award & Timescales - Grant of Awards for Meritorious Service are made by the PAGB Executive, whose decision is final. Unsuccessful Nominations are kept on file and the Nominator may submit further evidence at a later date.

The PAGB Executive meets three times per year in February, April and October. Therefore, the latest practical dates for receipt of Nominations for evaluation by the PAGB Awards Subcommittee are: **23rd December, 1st March and 1st September.**