GFOAz Life Membership
Nomination Form

GFOAz Life Membership is conferred on retired members who have provided distinguished service to local government and who have made lasting and meaningful contributions to GFOAz and the profession of local government management. The Board of Directors seeks life membership nominations from Active or Retired GFOAz members to ensure that those retired members who have served GFOAz, their communities, and the profession in an exemplary manner are recognized for their work. As an Active or Retired 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.

Please note that GFOAz 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 finance within the state of Arizona; (2) who have made lasting and meaningful contributions to the Government Finance Officers Association of Arizona and to the profession of local government; (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 active or retired membership in GFOAz. This requirement would not apply to temporary or interim positions. Any life members who become eligible for active membership in GFOAz 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 GFOAz 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 GFOAz 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 GFOAz membership. Recipients will be recognized at the GFOAz Winter Conference.

We urge you to give serious thought to your nomination, thank you for your participation.

Please send your nomination by mail or e-mail to:
GFOAz
c/o League Staff
1820 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007
gfoazinfo@azleague.org

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER

Nomination submitted by:

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Name / Title / Organization

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Telephone / E-mail Address

Nomination Form for GFOAz Life Membership

I hereby nominate _____ of _____ for GFOAz 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 GFOAz (length of membership, service on the Board of Directors or other GFOAz 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."**