

# **BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION of Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs**

## **ATTACHMENT 2 –TGCC Lifetime Achievement Award Information**

(As revised and updated through the General Business Meeting held September 4, 2008)

**HISTORIC INFORMATION** – TGCC is a council of clubs. Its greatest responsibility is to recognize outstanding achievement in its member clubs and promote a community spirit in its members. In 2008 TGCC established its TGCC Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize and honor those individuals in TGCC and its member clubs who have provided leadership and dedication to its principals.

**GENERAL CONCEPT** – **Winner’s of this award must have a proven track record of participation and leadership over time. We are looking for people who contributed to the dive community, not just one club. He or she must personify the best in the dive club scene.**

Individuals so identified as TGCC Lifetime Achievement Award winners will receive a plaque at the annual TGCC Banquet and will be added to the TGCC Permanent Lifetime Achievement Award plaque. They also will receive lifetime individual membership in the Council.

The TGCC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will be responsible for compiling the information required to determine the candidates for this award, and will present their credentials to the Council at the November TGCC meeting. This award is decided by a 2/3rds vote of the TGCC Council at that meeting.

Once we are past the implementation schedule, each year there will be a maximum of one person presented the TGCC Lifetime Achievement Award. Annually new candidates will be identified by the various TGCC Club Representatives. They will be responsible for providing the initial information and forwarding it to the TGCC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. This information should include club data about that individual, any other club affiliation known to that Club Rep., and contact information for that individual. This is an individual award (Husband and wife, or other type “teams” receive individual awards, not joint awards).

The TGCC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will maintain the records of the award winners and future candidates. These records are considered personal and confidential and are maintained as such by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and all members of the Council.

**IMPLEMENTATION** – Since initially this is an historic search, the following implementation schedule is being followed:

- 2008 – Up to 15 awards may be presented
- 2009 – Up to 5 awards may be presented
- 2010 – Up to 2 awards may be presented
- 2011 and thereafter – Up to 1 award may be presented

**AWARD CRITERIA** – The following is the minimum criteria for consideration as a candidate for the TGCC Lifetime Achievement Award:

- Currently and for a minimum of 3 years been a member of TGCC or a member of a member club
- Be a or have been a member of 3 TGCC clubs; or member of 2 TGCC clubs and have a record of contributing, working, providing training for or programs to other TGCC dive clubs; or member of 2 TGCC clubs and TGCC itself as an officer, club representative or as an individual member of the Council.
- Have been a member of these clubs or TGCC for a minimum of 18 different years.
- Have served in a leadership position in these clubs for a total of 10 years, in any combination. For example, 6 years in one club and 4 years in another club would equal 10 years.
- Leadership positions are defined as:
  - For TGCC member clubs' as their Officers, Board of Director members, or chairpersons including Newsletter, Membership, Webmaster, Instructor, Program Director, etc.
  - For TGCC they include all its positions – President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Trashfest Chairperson, Trashfest Co-Chairpersons, Donations Committee Chairperson, Club Representatives and Alternate Club Representatives, and etc.
  - For HUC and SeaSpace dual positions are counted as one in the same year.
- Be in “good standing” and have a “positive image and reputation” in both the dive and the public community

In addition to the above the following is taken into account for rank ordering prospective candidates:

- Having represented the dive community, in a favorable light, in a public capacity.
- Having been a member of more than 4 or more TGCC member clubs. Note that certain clubs may no longer exist, but the club must have been a member of TGCC when that individual was in it.
- Having served in leadership positions for a total of more than 20 years.
- Having served as Newsletter Editor or webmasters.
- Having provided services to other clubs (Classes, programs, instruction, etc.)

**AWARD PROCESS** – The following are the steps envisioned:

- Individual identified and recommended to the TGCC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President by a TGCC Club Representative.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President notifies the individual that he is being considered for this TGCC award and requests additional information from the individual.
- Upon receiving additional information from the candidate the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President notifies the Club Representative of clubs that the individual has identified and they confirm the pertinent information.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ranks the qualified candidates.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President makes recommendations to the Council on qualified candidates.
- TGCC votes on each candidate – A 2/3rds majority vote is required for the award to be granted.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President notifies those selected for the award.
- Permanent TGCC Lifetime Achievement Plaque is updated; a personal plaque is ordered for the award ceremony.
- Award presented at the TGCC Awards Banquet.

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS** – The current TGCC President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President are not eligible for this

award during the years of their terms.

Approved and ratified on September 4, 2008 by:

**TGCC 2008 Officers:**

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Frank Burek                      President

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Todd Hasken                      First Vice President

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George Clark                      Second Vice President

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John Ringrose                      Treasurer

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Todd Rushing                      Secretary

**TGCC 2008 Full Member Representatives:**

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Todd Hasken - City of Houston Underwater Mariners

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Mark Leiserowitz – Houston Underwater Club

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John Ringrose – H. Underwater Photographic Society

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George Clark – Lunarfins