

## GA Awards

Title	Description	Eligibility	Nomination by	Judges	Presentation	Notes
<b>GA Annual Award for Excellence</b>	An individual who has made a significant contribution to the GA or its charitable mission during the year to 31 August	Any GA member or other individual active in the field of geography education	Any GA member to Ricky Buck (GA Executive Assistant) by 31 Dec	GA Governing Body	GA Annual Conference	A maximum of two awards pa (nominally one for member contributions to the GA and one for non-member contributions to its charitable mission) See Appendix for criteria and procedure
<b>Honorary Membership of the GA</b>	For outstanding service to the GA	Any GA member	Any GA member to Ricky Buck (GA Executive Assistant) by 31 Dec	GA Governing Body	GA Annual Conference, or as appropriate	There would normally be only one award per year See Appendix for the criteria and procedure
<b>GA Outstanding Service Certificates (Branches)</b>	For outstanding service by a GA Branch member to the local Branch.	Any GA Branch member	GA Branch to Ricky Buck (GA Executive Assistant), at any time.	GA Education Group, on advice of local Branch	As determined by the Branch	See Appendix for the criteria and procedure
<b>GA Outstanding Service Diploma (Committees and Special interest groups)</b>	For outstanding service to the GA on committees and special interest groups	Any GA member who is on, or has recently been on, a committee or special interest group	GA Education Group and/or its Committees and Special Interest Groups to Ricky Buck (GA Executive Assistant) by 31 Dec	GA Governing Body	GA Annual Conference, or as appropriate	See Appendix for criteria and procedure
<b>GA Certificate</b>	For service on GA committees and special interest groups	Any GA Member who has recently completed three years' service on a GA committee or sub-group	GA Education Group and/or its Committees and Special Interest Groups to Ricky Buck (GA Executive Assistant) by 31 Dec	Presidents' Group	At meetings of committees and special interest groups or by post	An award intended to provide documentary evidence to individuals of their service on a GA committee See appendix for criteria
<b>GA Rex Walford Geography Student Teacher Award</b>	For inspirational and innovative practice in primary or secondary geography ITE	Any GA member who has completed (or is on course to complete) ITE including geography teaching	Either the tutor from the accrediting ITE provider (university-/school-based, or other) or the school geography/ITE mentor	Panel of qualified and experienced GA volunteers	GA Annual Conference	An award to honour the contribution made to ITE in geography over many years by the late Rex Walford

## **Appendix A: GA Awards - Notes, criteria and procedures**

### **GA Annual Award for Excellence**

#### **Notes**

The Geographical Association wishes to recognize individuals who have made a very significant contribution to the work of the GA and/or to its charitable mission during the previous twelve months, a contribution that has had an impact on policy or on the teaching and learning of geography. There will be a maximum of two awards per year.

#### **Criteria**

- For an individual being nominated for their significant contribution to the work of GA, the person nominated should be a current member
- An individual being nominated for their significant contribution to the GA's charitable mission does not need to be a current member

#### **Procedure**

GA Members are invited to submit nominations on the appropriate pro-forma which can be found on the GA website. The pro-forma should be sent by post or email to Ricky Buck at GA Headquarters to arrive by the end of January. The Presidents' Group will discuss the nominations. The Governing Body will make the final judgements from the full list of nominations.

### **Honorary Member of the Geographical Association**

#### **Notes**

Honorary Membership should be available for members in all phases of education/geography. Election to Honorary Membership should not normally be for more than one member each year.

#### **Criteria**

- Has given Outstanding service to the GA. (Longevity is not enough).
- Has held one or several posts within the GA of a period of years (not necessarily without a break).
- Has helped to foster the aims and objectives of the Association in a variety of ways.
- Has normally worked at a National level or held Senior Office.
- Has retired from full-time employment.

#### **Procedure**

1. Honorary Membership can be proposed by any member of the Geographical Association, on the appropriate pro-forma available on the GA website. The nomination must be seconded by a member of the GA. The nomination should address the criteria and provide any other relevant information.
2. The pro-forma should be sent by email or by post to Ricky Buck at GA headquarters to arrive by 31st January.
3. The Governing Body will consider nominations for election to Honorary Membership, once a year, at its March meeting.

## **Outstanding Service Certificate for Branches**

### **Notes**

The Geographical Association wishes to recognize the considerable support given to Branches by certain individuals over a significant number of years. Branches are invited to submit nominations to the Chair of Education Committee, bearing in mind the following criteria.

### **Criteria**

The person nominated should:

- Have given outstanding service to the GA Branch. Longevity is not enough, but may be a significant factor.
- Have held one, or several, posts within the Branch over a period of years (not necessarily without a break).
- Have made a significant contribution to fostering the aims of the Branch/GA within the local area, i.e. furthering the study and teaching of geography.
- Have retired from full-time employment.
- Be a current member of the Branch (though not necessarily of the national GA)

### **Procedure**

Nominations should be made by branches on the appropriate pro-forma on the GA website. The pro-forma should be sent to the Chair of Education Committee by post or email by 15th January. The nomination should give a clear indication of both the length and quality of service provided by the individual to the Branch and/or geography within the local area. If the Branch already has in mind the date on which they would wish to make a presentation (should the nomination be approved) this should be clearly stated.

The Chair of Education Committee, in consultation with officers of the Committee, will decide whether or not the nomination should be accepted. If agreed, an Outstanding Service Certificate will be provided. The Branch is encouraged to arrange for its presentation, if possible by a senior officer of the Geographical Association, at an event which can be used to provide local publicity for the Branch and for geography.

## **GA Outstanding Service Diploma for members of committees and working groups**

### **Notes**

This new award was approved by the Governing Body in July 2008.

### **Criteria**

The person nominated should

- Be a GA member who is on, or has recently been on, a committee or working group
- have made a significant contribution to fostering the aims of the GA in furthering the study and teaching of geography;
- have given outstanding service to the GA through membership of and contribution to the work of its committees or sub-groups. Longevity is not enough, but may be a significant factor.
- It is likely that the person will have contributed to national and local GA conferences and events, to consultation documents and to GA publications.

### **Procedure**

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Members of GA Committees and Working groups are invited to submit nominations for this award to the Chair of Education Committee on the appropriate pro-forma on the GA website. The pro-forma should be sent initially to the Chair of Education Committee by post or email to arrive by 15<sup>th</sup> January. The Chair of Education Committee will present the nominations at the spring meeting of the EC and forward a nomination or nominations to Ricky Buck. The Presidents' Group will discuss the nominations. The Governing Body will make the final decision at its March meeting.

### **GA Certificate**

#### **Notes**

The GA wishes to recognize the work of GA members of committees and working groups and their importance to the work of the GA

#### **Criteria**

The person nominated should:

- Be a member of the GA
- Be a current or recent member of a GA committee or working group
- Have attended and contributed to committee or working group meetings for at least three years

#### **Procedure**

Nominations should be made by chairs of GA Committees and Working groups on the appropriate pro-forma to be found on the GA website. The pro-forma should be sent by email or by post to Ricky Buck at GA headquarters to arrive by the end of January. The President's Group will discuss the nominations at its spring meeting. Certificates will be presented to recipients at committee meetings or working groups or sent by post.