

## **Mentoring Artists for Women's Art (MAWA) – approved May 24, 2016**

### **Guidelines for Honourary Membership**

An Honourary Member of MAWA is a person who has given valuable and distinguished service to women in the visual arts profession and has upheld MAWA's mandate to encourage and support the intellectual and creative development of women in the visual arts. Honourary Members must have made contributions beyond MAWA that have brought credit to MAWA. This honour recognizes the individual for outstanding service to the community of women artists as a whole.

Distinctive contributions include:

- significant and conspicuous ethical service to MAWA over an extended period of time
- encouragement of feminism
- having had an impact at the provincial or national level
- research and public service
- demonstrated leadership qualities during a lengthy career
- being well recognized in the visual arts

The Honourary Member designation is the highest MAWA honour a member can attain. Honourary Membership is bestowed at a timely juncture in the honouree's life.

### **Nomination Process**

Two or more members in good standing of MAWA may submit to the Board, in writing, by April 30 of each year, the name of an individual for consideration as an Honourary Member. The persons nominating a potential honouree should submit a brief biography, including accomplishments, criteria met, and reasons for granting honorary membership.

The Board shall consider all submissions received and present their decision regarding Honourary Membership(s) to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

The number of individuals honoured with this distinction should not exceed two in any Year, with the exception of the first year at which time former Honourary Members will be reinstated.

### **Honouring Process**

MAWA will keep a file dedicated to preserving information on each Honourary Member nomination and each Honourary Membership. MAWA will publish the names and contributions of Honourary Members on its website and in its newsletters. It may also introduce Honourary Members at its events. Honourary Members will receive free MAWA lifetime memberships.