***Draft Policy Statement on ICHTH Honorary Membership* (13 July 2026)**

To be approved by Executive Committee

After a unanimous decision, the ICHTH Executive Committee can bestow ICHTH honorary membership upon individuals for their outstanding achievement or service in ICHTH's core areas. The list of honorary members shall not exceed twelve.
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Four things are important here:

1. It would be a decision by the Executive Committee, not the Board -- in order to keep privacy- and reputation-sensitive discussions about personalities in a smaller circle.
2. Within the Executive Committee, the decision should be unanimous -- in order to avoid the tunnel vision of one or a few members.
3. The criterion is "achievement or service" -- in order to build in flexibility in consideration of different career paths.
4. There is a cap of, for example, twelve -- in order to avoid inflation (the current number is ten).