



APB POLICY

Process for Member Designation as a *Fellow in Association of Professional Biology (FAPB)*

Purpose:

The designation of Fellow in Association of Professional Biology (FAPB) complements the APB's suite of awards by acknowledging members with significant continuous involvement in the APB with consistent support of its stated purposes. This designation is reserved for members that stand as role models who bring distinction to the profession with inspiration and mentorship to other members. APB members are encouraged to nominate members who bring such distinction to the Profession of Biology by outlining their outstanding contributions in the appended *Fellow in Association of Professional Biology Nomination Form*.

Process:

On receipt of an application the APB will convene a Fellows Committee consisting of at least three members, one of whom is a current Director on the APB Board. This Committee will review the Nomination Form based on the following guidelines and provide recommendations to the Board, which will then vote on any recommendations. Public recognition of this achievement will occur, including recognition at the following AGM. Recipients of this designation will then be permitted to use the title "FAPB", "F.A.P.B.", or "Fellow in Association of Professional Biology" only in conjunction with their ongoing membership in an accrediting organization including: the College and the Alberta Society of Biology Professionals.

The Lead Nominator is responsible for coordinating and submitting the required forms and conversing directly with members of the Fellows Committee during the nomination process if any uncertainty arises. Moreover, the Committee will normally expect the Lead Nominator to introduce their successful nominee at the Annual Applied Biology conference.

Guidelines:

The essential requirements for FAPB designation are:

- i. Significant professional biology experience
- ii. Exemplary application of the purposes of the APB
- iii. Outstanding contributions to Biology



i. Professional biology experience:

- A minimum of 15 years of continuous membership in the APB.
- Nominators must demonstrate to the Committee that a major proportion of the nominee's professional life as an APB member includes work experience in professional biology as defined in APB bylaws.
 - A professional biographical sketch is recommended, including academic degrees, professional qualifications, work history, and current position.

ii. Application of the purposes of the APB:

The APB Constitution lists the purposes of the Association are to:

- a. Encourage the development and application of sound biological principles in the management and conservation of natural resources in British Columbia;
- b. Assist Biology Professionals in the development and maintenance of high professional standards in management, research and education related to the biological resources of British Columbia;
- c. Inform and advise industry, governments and the public of the potential impacts on biological resources of land use and resource development proposals;
- d. Promote liaison with other professional associations for mutual professional development; and
- e. Engage in such other activities as are conducive to the health and welfare of the natural resources, the public, and Biology Professionals of British Columbia.

Members of the Fellows Committee will look for examples in each of these categories as rationale for awarding the prestigious designation of FAPB.

- Service on APB committees, task forces, projects, or time as Directors are all important aspects in application of the APB's purposes and should be documented.
- Participation on panels or public hearings, advocacy for policy change, mentoring other professionals, cooperation with other professional associations in projects are just some examples of the types of actions that accumulate in the career of an FAPB nominee that helps convince the Committee of the validity of the submission.
- There are many different ways and examples of actions and documents that can exemplify these five purposes of the APB.
- Nominators are encouraged to be broad in their interpretation of what constitutes evidence of the nominee's qualifications of each of these categories as they complete the Nominating Form.



iii. Outstanding contributions to Biology

The Fellows Committee are interested to learn of other, broader contributions to Biology (as defined in APB bylaws) and biological sciences, including national or international in scope. Noting that the list below is not exhaustive, nominators are encouraged to document the nominee's achievements in areas such as:

- Important pure Biology research
- Significant teaching programs or development of curricula related to biological science intended for delivery to non-Biology Professionals and including community outreach forms of curricula intended for schoolchildren.
- Publishing of articles or presenting in national or international forums, be it through commercial media, professional or peer reviewed publications on material related to Biology and/or biological considerations in natural resource management
- Expanding awareness of Biology and/or the APB beyond the province of British Columbia and Alberta.
- Any related recognition or demonstration of high regard (e.g. awards, designations, memberships) bestowed on the nominee from other organizations that relate to Biology or leadership in the application of biological science in managing natural resources

Other considerations:

The Fellows Committee may consider other information useful when deciding on FAPB nomination recommendations to the Board. For instance:

- Including Fellows or active or past APB Directors in the list of nominators helps affirm the Committee's confidence in producing a positive recommendation to the Board.
- Other APB awards or previous formal APB acknowledgement that brings distinction to the profession are also positive in the eyes of the Committee.
- Demonstration of being respected for integrity by colleagues, employers, and/or clients
- Moreover, the Committee will show preference to nomination packages that include a description of how the nominee's receiving of FAPB designation is expected to continue to elevate the APB and professional biology in future years.

Timelines:

Nomination forms are normally due by the end of February so that the Committee can prepare its recommendations for the Board prior to the AGM. Due dates for nominations may be varied by the Board.

Fellow in Association of Professional Biology – Nomination Form

Letter of Nomination

Date

APB Fellows Committee
Association of Professional Biology
PO Box 300 - 1095 McKenzie Avenue
Victoria, BC V8P 2L5
Copy via email to info@professionalbiology.com

Dear Fellows Committee,

We recommend **NAME HERE**, **CREDENTIAL HERE** for the FAPB designation. The complete nomination form is attached and is completed in accordance with the guidelines in "APB Policy – Process for Member Designation as a *Fellow in Association of Professional Biology (FAPB)*" dated 17 February 2011. Based on those guidelines, we hereby request the APB Fellows Committee to review this nomination package and recommend to the Board that it approve the FAPB designation for **NAME HERE**. We look forward to your review of the attached information and welcome any further inquiries you may have. The nominee **is/is not** aware of the nomination.

[Please provide a one or two paragraph summary of the nominee's qualifications as set out in the guidelines and detailed in the nomination form.]

Sincerely,
On behalf of the nominators,

Signed

LEAD NOMINATOR, CREDENTIAL

Fellow in Association of Professional Biology Nomination Form

Nominee Name	
Professional Biology Credential	
Current Job Position/Title	
Employer	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
APB member since (year)	

Using the headings below, document supporting information for this nominee/nomination using the guidelines in "APB Policy – Process for Member Designation as a *Fellow in Association of Professional Biology (FAPB)*" dated 17 February 2011. If appendices are needed for reference, insert them at the end of this document (i.e. after the table "FAPB Nominating Member Information Form") and be sure that all appendix references are clear. Contact the Fellows Committee if you are uncertain of the level of detail required in this application. In general, full articles or documents need not be appended if they are described in the four main sections provided in this form. Use tables and bullet form when appropriate for conciseness.

- I. PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGY EXPERIENCE**
- II. APPLICATION OF THE PURPOSES OF THE APB**
- III. OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO BIOLOGY**
- IV. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**



FAPB Nominating Members Information

Lead Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email:
Telephone:	date (dd/mmm/yyyy):
2nd Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email:
3rd Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email:
4th Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email:
5th Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email:
6th Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email:
7th Nominator:	Credential {e.g., RPBio, RBTech, BIT, Trainee (RBTech), Student}:
Signature:	Continuous APB member since (year):
Known nominee since (year):	Email: