

What's the difference? Chapter Life and National Life Membership

A National Life Member (not to be confused with Chapter Life Member) is a Regular or Advanced Member upon whom life membership has been conferred by the National Board of Directors. To be considered, the member must have served as an HFMA National Officer or Director or as a member of an HFMA National Committee. National Life Membership is conferred to recognize meritorious service to HFMA or an outstanding contribution to the healthcare financial management profession. A National Life Member is exempt from all further dues and assessments. This status may not be conferred on a member while he or she is serving as an elected Officer or Director of HFMA National.

Chapter Life Membership may be conferred upon the member to recognize outstanding chapter accomplishments. To initiate the process, a member must be a Retired Member in good standing. The Chapter's Board of Directors must act to recommend conferral of Chapter Life Membership on the Retired Member. The Chapter President should write a letter to the Director, Member Service Center:

- Confirming chapter board action;
- explaining, based on the individual's biographical information, why the chapter is recommending Chapter Life Membership
- Enclosing a chapter check for \$175 covering five years of retired dues (\$35 per year); and
- Recommending that HFMA's Board of Directors approve the conferral of Chapter Life Membership.

If the recommendation is approved by the National Board, the chapter president will be notified and a Chapter Life Member certificate will be processed and sent to the Chapter President. A Chapter Life Member is exempt from all further dues.