

Museum Executive Director Emeritus - Conferring the honor of Executive Director Emeritus is rare. Things to consider when conferring this:

"Would this organization have existed without this person? •Has this individual created a legacy that will last for years or decades? •Is this someone whose contribution is one you hope others will aspire to?"

Rationale: This is a major opportunity for creating positive buzz. Have a major event, a special opening with the Mayor main speaker.. Be sure to invite your newly inducted Emeritus member's family, colleagues, friends & significant people in your member's life such as community leaders they influenced or been influenced by.

Definition: There is a category known as **Executive Director Emeritus**, nominated and elected by the Board of Directors. Executive Director Emeritus shall be selected from those board members who have served on/for the Board of Directors with distinction and excellence. **Executive Director Emeritus** members shall serve three (3) year renewable terms for as long as they remain active in the work of the Children's Museum, and may end their term at any time. An Executive Director **Emeritus** shall be entitled to receive all written notices and information which are provided to the Board of Directors, attend all Board of Directors meetings they wish (be advised of all mtgs), participate in committee meetings on which they serve, and encouraged to attend all other events conducted by Children's Museum. An **Executive Director Emeritus** shall not be subject to any attendance policy in determining if a quorum is present at a meeting, or entitled to hold office, or entitled to vote at any board meeting.

Eligibility: In order to be considered for designation as an **Executive Director Emeritus**, a person must be a current or former member of Museum's Board who: 1. Has served the Children's Museum Board of Directors with distinction; 2. Held an important leadership role & made or continues to make significant contributions; 3. Engaged in major volunteer or advocacy activities in his or her service on the board; 4. Completed the term(s) for which he or she was appointed; 5. Participates in 1 or more activities (events, volunteer, fund-raising, grants, networking)

Election: Every 2 years, with the recommendation of the board committee, the Executive Committee of the board will consider potential candidates and may nominate one (1) or more individuals for an emeritus position. The Executive Director will present the nomination(s) along with supporting statements to the Children's Museum Board of Directors for consideration. A simple majority vote of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is sufficient to approve an appointment.

Unanimously Agreed to by Children's Museum Board of Directors at scheduled Board Meeting in May 2015 *Date: Witnessed & Signed by: Board Chair Celia Domser & Executive Director Marlene Brown upon her retirement after giving nearly two decades of service to The Children's Museum, in Utica, NY*