

The National Advisory Council

2026 Leadership Forum

June 2026

V1.0



AGENDA

- Overview of the National Advisory Council
- The National Nominating Committee
- The National Honours and Awards Committee
- The National Cadet Scholarship Awards Committee

The National Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is

- A Standing Committee of the ACL (By Law 8.01)
- Terms of Reference (PPM 6.2) outline our roles
- Consists of all current Past Presidents who are Members of the Air Cadet League of Canada
- Meet virtually each month

Key Committees:

- Nominating Committee
- Awards Committee
- Scholarship and Awards Committee

Other Committees:

- Members Committee
- PPBLC
- Registration / Screening
- Governance
- Speakers Groups
- IMAT (as required)

Our Members



On average our active members have

- 4 years of Cadet Experience
- 16 years of military experience (CAF/CIC)
- 33 years of League experience (local, provincial, national)

We are happy to help your committee
just give us a call.

National Nominating Committee

- Overview
- Process and Timelines
- Your Input

National Nominating Committee: Roles and Responsibilities

- Authorized under By Law 8.01(b)
 - Composed of 5-7 past presidents
 - Advisory in capacity
 - Coordinates the nomination process for Governors and the Executive Committee at the AGM and makes recommendations
 - Coordinates selection process for Honourary Officers and Directors (PPM 3.1.7)
- Terms of Reference in 6.10 of the PPM
 - Coordinates the election process at the AGM

National Nominating Committee: Process and Timelines

- December: Review and Prepare
- January: Consult and Post
- February: Interview
- March: Discuss and Decide
- April: Report to NEC
- May: Report to BOG and Prepare for AGM
- June: Approve Slate or Run Election

The National Nominations Committee: Looking for Your Input

To be considered for a position on the Board, a candidate must meet the following conditions:

All Governors:

“Each governor shall be an individual who is not less than 18 years of age. Each governor shall be a member of the League”*

(By Law 5.03) and (*By Law 3.01, 3.02)

The NNC unwritten understanding:

- We do not normally consider provincial chairs unless they are in their final year and are not going to be seeking an extension to their current term.*
- We do not normally consider provincial first vice-chairs for a position on the Board*

Honours and Awards Committee

- Available National Awards
- Nominations Process
- Honours and Awards Section of aircadetleague.com
- Additional Responsibilities of the HAC
- Summary

CF Personnel

Certificate of Recognition
Section 9

Officer of the Year
Section 8

**ACL Supporters
(Individuals, Sponsors
& Supporting
Organizations)**

Certificate of Recognition
Section 9

**Air Cadet League
Volunteers**

Certificate of Volunteer Service
Section 14

Certificate of Merit
Section 7

Certificate of Honour
Section 4

Presidential Citation
Section 5

Director of the Year
Section 6

Long Service Medal
Section 11

Honourary Life Member
Section 3

Medal of Honour
Section 2

Squadrons

Presidential Certificate
Section 10

Air Cadet League Of Canada Honours and Awards

Nomination Process

- Deadline for Nominations 31 January
- All Nominations to be submitted via the ACC50 Nomination Form
- Nominations evaluated by sub-committees comprised of Advisory Council members and National President and 1st Vice President
- Approved nominations, for all awards other than Medal of Honour and Director of the Year, will be announced during National Volunteer Week,
April 18 to April 24, 2027
- Awards will be formally presented, as specified on the ACC50, at an ACR the National Leadership Forum or Provincial AGM.

H&A on ACL Web Site

- aircadetleague.com/awards&scholarships/for members and volunteers
- Honours and Awards Handbook provides Guidelines Criteria and Nomination Procedure for all National Honours and Awards
- Letter from Honours and Awards Committee with specific instructions for the year
- ACC50 Nomination Form
- Fillable Certificate of Volunteer Service
- Historical Record of Award Recipients

Other Honours and Awards Committee Responsibilities

- Track eligibility for Volunteer Long Service Medal for National Members
 - ✓ BOG, EC and Advisory Council members can confirm their eligibility for VLSM and bars via email to honours@aircadetleague.com
- Recommend presentation to Retiring National President and Retiring ACL National Governors
- Continue to review and refresh our honours and awards as required
 - ✓ Provincial vs National awards
 - ✓ Officer of the Year

Discussion Items

- Number of 2026 Nominations received by PTC

P/TC	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	ON	PEI	Q&OV	SK	TERR	TOT
#	9	8	6	1	3	12	2	7	33	9	0	0

- Perspectives on Officer of the Year

Our Volunteers

- Volunteers at our squadron, P/TC and national levels are essential to the success of the Air Cadet League of Canada
- Without the tireless giving of time, skills and financial resources of our volunteers, sponsors and supporters, we would not be able to accomplish our mission
- We need to make it a priority to thank all those that support our mission
- Recognition will make them eager to continue their support and speak positively of the League to others.

National Cadet Scholarships & Awards

- **Section 6.14** of the ACL Policy & Procedures Manual details this committee.
- The **ACL National Awards Handbook** governs procedures of awards.
- **Terms of Reference:** The committee's role is to process applications for available scholarships, grants, and awards for Air Cadets, as well as develop for the BOG related policies, procedures, and guidelines. This committee is the liaison between CJCR as to medals and pins worn on the cadet uniform.
- Two cycles of awards at present:

May	November
Post Secondary Education	Continuation Flying Training (CFTA)
RCL Air Cadet of Year	Pilot Training Achievement Award (PTAA)
Tri-Service Leadership in Music	Pipe/Military Band Music Award

Issues

- Policy Changes
- How do we attract new sponsors for current awards
- Music still a priority?
- New Flying Awards geared to a New Audience
- Other Issues?

Final Thoughts

The Advisory Council has

- ✓ Been there
- ✓ Done that
- ✓ Got the grey hair to prove it

And we are still looking for new ways to make a continued contribution to the program.