

Proposal to establish a “CCA Retired” membership category

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On April, 15, 2010, Kim Polizotto, John Gilmour, Charles Denver, Jim Peck, Alan Romander, Harold Waters and John Gruber participated in a 50 minute conference call to discuss establishing a “CCA Retired” membership Category

History:

- Many professional organizations/associations have a “retired” or “emeritis” membership category
- Several times over the past 10 years establishing a “CCA Retired” membership category has been proposed but not passed.
- In the fall of 2009 it was discussed again as part of the board agenda
- In the Spring of 2010 Luther asked me to form a committee and put a formal proposal together for this board meeting

Committee Recommendations

- A “CCA Retired” category should be offered as a membership option by the International CCA program.
- To be eligible for “retired” status, a person had to be a CCA in good standing for 10 years or more and truly retired from his/her place of employment
- The “retired” status be made retroactively available to all CCAs who have retired within the past two years.
- “CCA Retired” is exempt from CEU requirements
- If a “CCA Retired” decides to become an active CCA again, he/she has two years to do so without taking the international or state/regional exams again. After two years they must take the exams again.

Committee Recommendations (Cont)

- Application and approval for the CCA Retired status goes through the local boards. Madison will facilitate the process by providing information and forms at the time dues notices are sent out.
- A “CCA Retired” could complete his/her terms on state and international boards as a voting member. Once their terms are up, they can be ex-officio board members.
- Suggested fee of \$20.00 for the International CCA. Local boards have the discretion to charge a fee, also. Retired CCA would receive all normal correspondence from International and local programs including Crops and Soils Magazine.

Application
For
Certified Crop Advisor (Retired)
Membership Category

International Certified Crop Adviser Program
677. South Segoe Road
Madison, WI 53711
Telephone: 866-359-9161 FAX 608-273-2081

APPLICATION
CCA (RETIRED)

Name _____ Certification No. _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone No. _____ FAX No. _____

Local CCA Board _____

I, _____, affirm to the International CCA Board and my Local CCA Board that I wish to become a CCA (Retired).

I am currently a CCA in good standing and I have been certified as a CCA for ten (10) years or more.

I understand that this request for CCA (Retired) shall be made to my Local Board and must be approved by my Local Board.

I understand that I cannot use the CCA certification in any way without the word "Retired."

I understand that I shall remit an annual fee of \$_____ to the International CCA Board to maintain my file. Should I not remit this fee, I understand that I will not longer be a CCA (Retired) and cannot file for reinstatement.

I understand that I am exempt from Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements.

I understand that I must retake the CCA exams if I decide to become an active CCA again, if I have been retired for two or more years and have not kept current with CEU requirements.

Signed _____ Date _____

FAX or send a copy of this form to your Local Board and the International CCA Board.

Implementation

1. On the dues and renewal forms that are mailed out each December a CCA-Retired category be added as an option. If an applicant checks that option they do not send in a check, just the renewal form.
2. Upon receiving a renewal form with the CCA-Retired status checked, the applicant is sent a request form with a letter explaining what the CCA-Retired category is all about and an explanation of fees.
3. The completed form is then sent to the local board for approval. Once approved, Madison then sends out a new dues invoice. We would encourage local boards to set up a system to expedite the approval of these requests so as not to delay the invoicing process too much. We really don't anticipate that these requests will be difficult to evaluate. Perhaps the local boards can appoint one person to handle these requests, with the option of calling other board members if they have any difficulty making a decision.
4. The Policies and Procedures Committee will need to add a section to the manual explaining the CCA-Retired category and requirements for application.

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