



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD **PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

According to section 7. (e) of Bill C-275 *An Act establishing the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians* assented to May 29, 1996, your Association initiated a Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

Section 7. (e) reads:

The Association has the capacity of a natural person and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Association may, in furtherance of its objects,

...

(e) give recognition, by such means as it deems appropriate, for outstanding contributions to the promotion and understanding of Canada's parliamentary system of government;

PROCESS

The next DSA shall be made at our Annual General Meeting on June 9 and 10, 2013. Each member in good standing shall be asked to nominate one candidate with a description of the contribution that he or she has made. The selection of the award winner shall be made by a Committee composed of the President and additional members appointed by the Association President, all of whom must be paid-up members of the Association.

CRITERIA

While exceptional contributions in the past will be recognized, the nominee, a former parliamentarian, should also be expected to demonstrate continued interest and activity in the promotion of human welfare, human rights, and parliamentary democracy in Canada and in other parts of the world.

The Selection Committee is especially interested in receiving nominations of former parliamentarians whose contributions have not been previously acknowledged through the attainment of high public office while in Parliament or subsequently.

The nominee must be a former Member of the Senate or the House of Commons.

Some specific qualities that should be considered for a nominee could include:

- A clear commitment to probity in public life;
- Respect for the institution of the Canadian Parliament;
- Understanding of and the ability to use parliamentary procedures;
- Effectiveness in representing constituents;
- A sense of history;
- Ability to articulate a vision of Canada;
- Courage;
- Intellectual honesty;
- Thoughtfulness.