

## **Terms of reference for the Integrity Awards Committee**

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The Integrity Awards Committee serves as a jury for the Integrity Awards, in accordance with the Integrity Awards Guidelines. As part of this process, the Committee will duly evaluate nomination files submitted per the published guidelines. The Committee will seek national chapter input regarding the nomination whenever possible. National chapter input will be taken in consideration but cannot be considered binding. Each Committee member is entitled to one vote. Abstentions will be considered as such and voting results will be determined by a simple majority. In the case of a tied vote, it is the role of the Committee Chair to determine a course of action. Committee members with a conflict of interest in the selection process should recuse themselves from said process or be asked to do so by the Chair, in consultation with other committee members and/or TI's Conflict of Interests Policy, as needed.

Upon reviewing and discussing the merits of a nomination, committee members will vote on a short list of nominees. A second round of voting will determine the final recommended winner(s). The Committee will forward its recommended selection of candidates to be awarded the recognition to the TI Board of Directors for endorsement on a no-objection basis. The Board may invite the Committee to reconsider a particular nomination giving its reasons. In the case of the Committee confirming its recommendation, it is the role of the Board to take final decision.

The Committee has the right:

1. To decide whether a nomination serves the goals of TI or whether the means used by the nominee meet TI standards.
2. To ask the nominator or an appropriate national chapter for additional information to be attached to the nomination file and to make such further enquiries as it sees fit and to decline to consider a nomination where the information provided is, in its opinion, insufficient.
3. To organise, in exceptional cases, a visit to the nominee's country to verify the accuracy of information submitted or to obtain necessary additional evidence.
4. To recommend that no Integrity Award be granted in the absence of a suitable nominee.
5. To recommend that an Integrity Award be withdrawn should the winner act in a manner that compromises the integrity or reputation of the TI movement and the Integrity Awards. Specific reasons for any such recommendation should be explicitly outlined to the Board.

The decision of the Board is final both on the selection of a nominee and on the withdrawal of any Integrity Award.

Committee members are appointed by the Board of Directors for one year. There is no limit as to the number of years one Committee member may serve subject to Board appointment. The Committee consists of a minimum of 7 members and does not exceed 11 members. At least three of them, including the Committee Chair, should be members of the Board of Directors.

Ends.