

## Nomination for Life Membership – Paul Sabolta

I wish to nominate Paul Sabolta to the prestigious honour of Life Member of The Australian Facetors' Guild

Paul was my first contact with the Guild back at the Bundaberg Gemboree in 2012. This eventually led to Paul facilitating in the establishment of the Townsville and District Facetors' Group.

Paul's contributions to the AFG are

1. Joined AFG 31-7-2004
2. Secretary for AFG Sydney Faceting Group 2005 - current, organising meetings & workshops.
3. AFG NSW Director 2007 - 2009
4. AFG Vice President 2009 - 2015
5. AFG President 2016 - 2020
6. AFG Judging & Rules committee then Chairman from 2013 - current
7. AFG AFLACA Voting Delegate 2017 - current
8. AFLACA National Cabochon & Faceting Judge 2008 & 2009 - current
9. AFG, Gem & Lapidary Council NSW & AFLACA Faceting Judge Tutor. Training Faceting Judges for State, Interstate Associations & the AFG.
10. Re-write Training material for Faceting Judge Courses on a National level.
11. Assisted with foundation of The Townsville and District and The Hunter Valley Faceting Groups.
12. Demonstrating Faceting and promoting AFG aims & activities at numerous State Gem Shows, Gemkhana's and Gemborees since 2005 and ongoing.
13. Tutoring Faceting at my local Lapidary Club.
14. Tutoring Faceting for Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW for local & regional Lapidary Clubs.
15. Co-ordinator for several AFG Annual Faceting Competitions since 2008 and two International Challenges 2020 & 2022.
16. Reorganised with assistance from Noel Warrell, re-write and simplification of AFG Competition Schedules and processes, and of late the addition of extra Sections for Open Challenge, Concave & Freeform into competition.

17. Assisted several Groups with Schedule compilations for AFG Annual Faceting Competitions.

18. Written several articles for Facet Talk and participated with minor Seminar sessions & Chairman duties.

19. Re-write with editing assistance from Teresa Sabolta of "A Guide for Faceting Competitors" booklet.

I trust this nomination is considered worthy of the office of Life Member

Proposed Owen Wyer

Seconded Noel Warrell