Frequently Asked Questions

Why does CMAA have a Fellows program?
CMAA values long-time volunteers and highly engaged members for their contributions to our shared profession. The CMAA Fellows Program marks top honors, recognizing individuals who are making a significant impact on the club management community through exemplary service and leadership, accomplishments, and/or other major contributions to CMAA and the club management profession.

What does CMAA Fellow mean?
CMAA Fellow is an honor bestowed upon less than one percent of CMAA’s membership. Upon selection, the term “CMAA Fellow” may be used by active Fellows, who remain CMAA members in good standing, to represent their status and increase the recognition/visibility of CMAA’s Fellows Program.

Who is eligible to be a CMAA Fellow?
An actively-working Professional member of CMAA, with at least 10 years of membership, is eligible to be nominated to be a CMAA Fellow. The intent of a CMAA Fellows program is to mark recognition of service to the profession and a call to future service to club management. It is not a certification program, like the CCM or CCE, nor a researched-based designation, such as the MCM. CMAA National Board members are not eligible to apply to be a CMAA Fellow until three years post Board service.

Are the CCM, CCE, and/or MCM designations and CMAA Fellows Program related?
The two programs serve different purposes. The Certified Club Manager, Certified Chief Executive, and Master Club Manager credentials are CMAA’s professional certifications. CMAA Fellow is an honorific post-nominal designation that may be used by CMAA Fellows in good standing to represent their status as a Fellow of CMAA. Professional certifications, including the CCM, CCE, and MCM may be considered in the Fellows selection process.

What is the makeup of the CMAA Fellows Selection Committee?
The Fellows Selection Committee is comprised of up to 15 CMAA members representing the national and chapter boards, regions of the country, club types and sizes, and other member demographics. Members will be rotated off the committee to add other CMAA members and/or current Fellows. Selection Committee members are neither eligible to apply to be a CMAA Fellow while serving on the committee, nor until three years post committee service.
**How are Fellows selected?**
The Fellows program uses a process governed by the Selection Committee. Nominees (applicants) for CMAA Fellows must be peer nominated. The nominee must then submit detailed endorsement letters from three colleagues/peers, his or her résumé/curriculum vitae, and an essay. The curriculum vitae should document service and involvement with CMAA. The essay is designed to capture the nominee’s thinking on how to foster and give back to the CMAA community.

The Selection Committee reviews all applications and if applicable final candidates are invited for individual interviews with multiple committee members.

If a candidate is not chosen by the Selection Committee to move forward, he/she may be nominated again the next year or any time after that.

**How many CMAA Fellows will be selected annually?**
The first class of CMAA Fellows included 10 individuals. Future Fellows class size will typically include between 5-10 qualified members annually. Once honored, the distinction of CMAA Fellow is a lifetime recognition as long as he/she remains a member in good standing (distinction may be rescinded for ethical and/or criminal violations).

**When and how are CMAA Fellows recognized?**
The application and interview process for CMAA Fellow candidates begins in the summer and fall of the given year respectively. CMAA announces each class of Fellows at the annual World Conference and presents inductees with a memento there at a designated event.

**What will CMAA Fellows do?**
CMAA Fellows are expected to continue to be high-level contributors to the Association. Individually, Fellows serve as authors, speakers, mentors, volunteer leaders, supporters, and advocates of the club management profession as well as are Club Foundation contributors. Fellows may attend an annual retreat designed to strengthen professional relationships and address key issues surrounding the club industry. They participate in strategic conversations, which often result in future sessions at CMAA conferences and/or articles in CMAA-related publications. CMAA Fellows may consider completing service projects as a group.

*If the answer to your question is not listed above, please [contact CMAA](mailto:contact@cmaa.com). Thank you.*