

# 1 Parliamentarian of the Year

The recipient of the CPA Parliamentarian of the Year Award **must have**:

- Promoted the principles of good governance, the rule of law, transparency and accountability, human rights and the ideals of parliamentary democracy.

To this end, they **may have**:

- Demonstrated inspirational leadership to parliamentary colleagues and the public.
- Worked in a collegiate and constructive manner in a diverse context.
- Promoted the Commonwealth and Sustainable Development.
- Actively supported the CPA in its activities.

# 2 Lifetime Achievement

The recipient of the CPA Lifetime Achievement Award will have served as a Parliamentarian for at least twenty years, and **must have**:

- Demonstrated an impressive record of achievement as a parliamentarian in their contribution to their parliament and to their country.
- Promoted democracy and good governance within their jurisdiction.
- Achieved notable and sustainable positive change over the course of their career.
- This recipient could be a former Commonwealth Parliamentarian if they ceased their final term up to one year before the nomination was submitted.\*

# 3 Equality and Diversity

The recipient of the CPA Equality and Diversity Award **will have**:

- Demonstrated personally - or through actions undertaken - the promotion of diversity and inclusion.

Made significant contribution on at least one of the following areas:

- Gender equality
- Women's political leadership
- Youth engagement
- Disability awareness
- Equality and inclusivity for minority groups
- Freedom of religious belief
- LGBTQ+ rights

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# 4 New Parliamentarian

The recipient of the CPA New Parliamentarian of the Year will be in their first term at the time of nomination.

The recipient **must have**:

- Promoted the principles of good governance, the rule of law, transparency and accountability, human rights and the ideals of parliamentary democracy.
- Demonstrated a high record of achievement in their first term, in their contribution to their Parliament and to their jurisdiction.

## HOW TO NOMINATE:

EMAIL [hq.sec@cpahq.org](mailto:hq.sec@cpahq.org)

outlining how the candidate meets the nomination criteria

**DEADLINE FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026**

### Essential Reading:

- Nominees must be current Members of Parliament\* and from a fully paid-up Branch of the CPA.
- **Two** CPA members - either Members of Parliament or Parliamentary Staff - must provide support for the nomination and individuals may not nominate themselves.
- Nominees must not be involved in an ongoing investigation related to a breach of parliamentary codes of conduct and/or never brought the reputation of the CPA into disrepute.
- Nominees must not be, and cannot be nominated by, a current Member of the CPA Coordinating Committee.
- Winners will be notified via their Branch and Regional Secretary and awards will be presented in-person at the 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

