

## TAA Council of Fellows Criteria

*Teaching Excellence • Prolific Authoring •  
TAA Service*

The following criteria are meant to serve as a general guide for the Text and Academic Authors Association (TAA) Selection Committee in recommending candidates to the TAA Council for induction into the Council of Fellows.

### QUANTITY OF PUBLICATIONS

Membership in the TAA Council of Fellows is reserved for those members whose publication records have been truly prolific. Such publication records might be evidenced by any of the following:

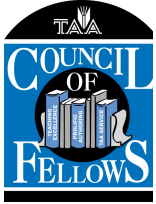
- Number of textbooks authored or co-authored. A portfolio of 50 such books (where books in multiple editions may be counted as many times as the number of editions), with at least 20 as sole author.
- Number of articles in professional, refereed journals. A record of having published at least 50 such articles (ideally with a high proportion as first author).
- Number of academic books. A record of having published at least 5 books with a commercial press dealing in academic books. Books of collected essays or conference proceedings for which the candidate served primarily as editor may also be part of the portfolio.

*Note: the numbers for any given category are only guidelines, not strictly enforced minima, especially for candidates whose induction would be based on a record of publication in several categories.*

### QUALITY OF PUBLICATIONS

The Council of Fellows committee will also consider indicia of the quality of applicants' publications, which may include:

- Published reviews
- Frequency of citation by other authors
- Awards received for academic scholarship and/or text authorship (e.g., TAA's Textbook Excellence Award or McGuffey Longevity Award)
- Translation of the work into foreign languages
- For textbooks, appearance of the work in 5 or more editions, and/or evidence that a specific book is the leader in its field



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### **TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

While not the primary criterion for induction to the Council of Fellows, the committee may wish to look favorably on applicants who present evidence of teaching excellence, such as formal recognition by their home universities or by learned societies, frequent invitations to appear as recognized expert in their field, and presentations to professional associations about pedagogy.

### **COMMITMENT TO TAA**

Such commitment will have been demonstrated by such behaviors as:

- Regular attendance at the TAA conference
- Presentations at the TAA conference
- Active participation in TAA governance