



Pennington Research Association, Inc.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR C. E. “CHUCK” PENNINGTON, M.D.

The PRA Bylaws, Article II, Section 2.04 describes the process for awarding honorary membership. It says;

“From time to time, the Board may recognize outstanding contributions to the field of genealogical research by bestowing an Honorary Membership to such a person. No dues shall be charged but such members shall have all of the same rights and privileges, as does an active member.”

I am proud to nominate C. E. “Chuck” Pennington, M. D., to be a Pennington Research Association Honorary Member. He has made outstanding contributions to the field of genealogical research by serving on the Board of Directors of the Pennington Research Association for many years and being responsible for helping develop a new vision and mission for the Pennington Research Association and for his significant efforts in leading the reorganization of the Pennington Research Association. Without his effort and hard work, the Pennington Research Association would not have been able to accomplish its’ mission.

Specifically, he:

- Identified and recruited new Board members from the Pennington Research Association membership.
- Developed a new vision and mission for the Pennington Research Association.
- Developed and maintained new communication methods to improve communication with Pennington Research Association members.
- Helped move the Pennington Research Association into the new cyber world of the Internet.
- Managed the incorporation of the Pennington Research Association.

- Actively participated in yearly meeting of the Board of Directors and Membership meetings.

Background

Chuck Pennington joined the Pennington Research Association in 1992. Chuck is a member of PRA Group 4.

Chuck attended every Pennington Research Association Annual Reunion/Meeting during his tenure as a Board member.

He and his wife Barbara served as Membership Co-Chairs from 1997 until 2003. Chuck served as Vice President from 1998 to 2000 and as President and Chairman of the Board from 2000 to 2002 and as an "At Large" Board member from 2002 through 2003.

Between 1997 and 2002, Chuck was responsible for overseeing the Pennington Research Association through some very difficult challenges. These included the loss of some Pennington Research Association Board members and finding new Board members to step in and finish their terms of office.

During the early days of Chuck's tenure, there were many communications, financial and organizational challenges. Chuck guided us through these very difficult times and his voice of reason helped resolve many problems.

Chuck was responsible for the incorporation of the Pennington Research Association as a California Tax Exempt Non-profit Corporation. He worked on this task for over 2 years and spent hundreds of hours of his time to ensure the success of the incorporation which was finalized in 2001.

Chuck and Barbara hosted the Annual Reunion in Sacramento, California in 1997 after plans for having the Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah did not materialize.

In 2000, Chuck and Barbara were asked to have the Pedigree printed in Sacramento, which was near their home. Chuck became the liaison with the printer and both Chuck and Barbara did the addressing, stamping, sealing and mailing of the Pennington Pedigrees, twice a year. This was a tremendous amount of work and for this effort alone, Chuck deserves special recognition.

As part of his responsibilities as the Membership Co-Chair, Chuck did the data entry of all the members' information each year into the membership database and produced all the mailing labels for our mailings each year as well as all the reports.