

Path To Membership

Table of Contents

- Social2**
 - Overview 2
 - Path to Social..... 2
- Associate4**
 - Overview/Requirements 4
 - Path to Associate 4
- Regular7**
 - Path to Regular 7
- Life.....8**
 - Life Member Dues Exemption 8
 - Life Membership..... 8
 - Path to Life..... 8
 - Failure to be Approved for Life Membership..... 8
 - Age Limit for Life Membership..... 9
- Honorary10**
- Notes/Questions:.....11**

Social

Overview

Social members in a number determined by the membership, with an initial count often (10) shall be members of the Club with limited privileges. (Article XI Honorary Members, p1a)

Social membership is offered to persons with interest in Club social activities, or in ultimately joining as associate members. (Article XI Honorary Members, p1a)

Social members will have no ownership rights in any Club property, no right to attend or vote at meetings, no boat privileges, no key to the clubhouse, and are limited to privileges set forth in "Rules for Social Members". (Article XI Honorary Members, p1a)

Membership fee of \$50.00 annually must be paid prior to admission as a Social member. (Rules for Social Members, p1)

A Social member may credit their admission fee toward their Associate membership provided they are accepted as an Associate member within a year of the date the fee was paid. (Rules for Social Members, p6)

Social members shall be billed for membership fees annually by the Financial Secretary. Failure to pay the fee on time will result in immediate loss of Social membership. A Social member may be reinstated upon payment of dues due and a \$5.00 late charge if the fees are paid within three months of the due date, and an opening exists. After that time the Social member must re-apply through the Membership Committee. (Rules for Social Members, p7)

Path to Social

All Social Members shall submit a membership application in letter form, and are subject to screening by the Membership Committee, review by the Board of Directors and approval by the membership prior to acceptance. (Article XI Honorary Members, p1a)

An applicant for Social membership needs a Full member sponsor

The Full member sponsor can get the Social Membership application from behind the bar and give to the applicant

The applicant fills out the Social membership application and gets 3 Full Members to sign it

The Social membership application is placed in an envelope and deposited in the safe along with the \$50 application fee

The Financial Secretary will get the application from the safe

The Financial Secretary presents the application for review to the Board of Directors and approval

If approved, at the next monthly Regular meeting, The Financial Secretary will present the Social membership application to the full membership for consideration, and it is voted on

Once voted in, they receive Social member privileges per the Social Member's Rules and a chip with the Social member's name is added to the pool

Associate

Overview/Requirements

Any application may be withdrawn by either sponsor or applicant at any time previous to the final action of the Committee. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p4)

All applicants must be of good moral character and at least 21 years of age and a resident of the United States of America. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p5)

Each applicant shall pay the sum of \$500.00 as an admission fee and \$200.00 as dues for the current year. The admission fee for sons/daughters of present or deceased members shall be 1/2 price. Dues shall be paid at the current rate. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p6)

The annual dues shall be \$200.00 payable by April 1. Each member shall be assessed 40 hours work or payment of an assessment equal to the number of hours not worked times Fifty dollars. Members voted in after June 30 shall have 40-hour assessment pro rated to 3.5 hours per month for the remaining calendar year. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p7)

The membership of the Club shall be limited to 100 members. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p12)

All members participate in a \$500 per year Chit system. (House Rules #14)

Path to Associate

After 6 months, a Social member may apply for Associate membership. [\(1\)](#)

Duties of the Membership Committee.

- To investigate all applications for membership and report their findings in writing or verbally to the Board of Directors within thirty days from the date the application is received by the membership committee before same can be acted upon.
(ARTICLE V Duties of Officers and Committees, p11)

All requests for Associate membership shall be made in writing to the Membership committee by the prospective applicant. When found eligible, prospects shall receive applications to be filled out and signed by two members in good standing. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 1.)

The Membership committee receives the application back and schedules an interview with the applicant.

The applicant is interviewed by the Membership committee.

If the Membership committee approves that the applicant would be a good member, the Membership committee gives the applicant an application.

The Applicant fills out the Associate membership application and gets it signed by two members in good standing. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 1.)

Applicant submits the application to the Membership Committee by giving it back to the Membership committee. [\(2\)](#)

Applications must be posted in the Clubhouse at least 7 days before acting on it. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 2.)

Any communications in support of, or in opposition to a candidate, may be made in writing or verbal, and sent to the Secretary before action is taken thereon. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 2.)

All proceedings of the Board of Directors upon any application and all communication received by them relating thereto shall be regarded as confidential and shall not be disclosed except to state their final action thereon. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 2.)

Any member's son or daughter who puts an application for associate membership shall be put to the top of the current application list. If more than one member's son or daughter applies in the same month then it will be in order of application date. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 2a.)

All applications and related fees for associate membership shall be stamped by the Membership Committee with the date received and shall be acted upon by the Membership Committee in the order in which they are received. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3.)

A permanent chronological list of all persons making written requests for application for membership shall, when approved by the Membership Committee, be posted on the Main Locker Bulletin Board. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3.)

The Board of Directors states their final action on the application on whether to bring the Associate member application to the full membership for consideration at the next monthly meeting.

The Membership committee brings up the Associate membership application for vote at the next monthly meeting

Election to Associate membership shall be by ballot and the candidate must receive a majority vote of the members present and voting thereon. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3.)

Whenever a person is voted in as an Associate Member he shall be notified in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the Recording Secretary. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3.)

Associate members shall be entitled to all the club privileges except voting and holding office but shall have no interest in the Club property. (Article XI Honorary Members, p3)

The Board of Directors will arrange to get the new Associate member a key to the club and ice machine. [\(3\)](#)

Regular

Path to Regular

The Board of Directors shall examine all associate members, within one year from elected associate membership to ascertain the reason of poor attendance, lack of interest, anti-social outlook or any other pertinent reason, and the Board of Directors shall have the power to drop from the roll of membership any associate member for the above stated reasons, etc. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3a)

He (use of the masculine terms he, him, male etc. in these by-laws shall be deemed to include the corresponding feminine terms if equally appropriate in the context) must be an associate member for a minimum time of 12 months, he must be a good member. He may be proposed, by the Board of Directors, to the membership, to be voted on at the following monthly meeting to the full membership. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3a)

Election shall be by ballot and five negative votes shall prevent an election. His failure to reach full membership by a vote of the membership shall not exclude him from being an associate member. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3a)

Life

Life Member Dues Exemption

Any member in good standing who has reached 65 years of age or over and who has been a regular member for ten years or more shall be exempt from paying his \$200.00 yearly dues. All exempt members subject to examination and approval of the Board of Directors yearly. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 7a)

The member should submit a letter to the Board of Directors informing them that they have turned 65 and request the exemption.

The Board of Directors will examine and vote on the exemption for the member.

The Recording Secretary will let the member know of the decision in writing.

Life Membership

Path to Life

Any member 65 years of age or older with ten (10) years of regular membership in good standing shall have the option if desired to be considered for life membership. He will have all the privileges and obligations of a regular member. He will only pay ½ dues and be exempt from the 40 hours work assessment. He will be given a life membership card provided he is in good standing. He will remain a life membership for the duration of his membership. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 7b)

The Regular member must submit a letter in writing to the Board of Directors requesting to be considered for Life membership.

The Board of Directors considers the request and votes on bringing the request to the floor at the next monthly meeting.

All requests for life membership shall be subject to the approval of the majority of the voting membership. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 7b)

Failure to be Approved for Life Membership

Any member failing to be approved for life membership by a majority of the voting membership shall not be eligible for reconsideration for a period of twelve months from the date of the previous vote. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 7b)

Age Limit for Life Membership

Any member who is 75 years of age with ten (10) years of regular membership in good standing and has previously failed to be approved for life membership, shall be classified as a life member without approval of the voting membership. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 7b)

Honorary

The Board of Directors at any Regular meeting may present for election as an Honorary Member the name of any person who may have rendered the Club important services or benefits, or whom for any reason they may see fit thus to honor. (Article XI Honorary Members, p1)

The election of Honorary Members shall be by ballot, and four fifths of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary to elect. An Honorary Member shall possess the same privileges as a social member. (Article XI Honorary Members, p2)

Notes/Questions:

1. After 6 months, a Social member may apply for Associate membership.
 - I couldn't find any bylaw or rule that explicitly says its 6 months. Basically, it's up to the Membership committee to accept an application. In theory that they could take it the next day, but my guess is that's it an unwritten rule that we want to see a guy around awhile before we bring him in and the 6-month time frame seems to work out.
2. Applicant submits the application to the Membership Committee by giving it back to the Membership committee.
 - They can't just put it in the safe because if there is more than one applicant in the safe, there is no way of knowing which was first. (Article X Membership, Dues, Etc., p 3.)
3. The Board of Directors will arrange to get the new Associate member a key to the club and ice machine.
 - Not sure what else to write here, what's missing?