

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) A person is qualified to be a member of **the Association** if, but only if:
 - a. the person has not ceased to be a member of **the Association** at any time after incorporation of **the Association** under the Act; or
 - b. the person has
 - i. applied for membership of **the Association**, and
 - ii. has been approved for membership of **the Association** by the management Committee of **the Association**.
- (2) Any person who uses and or operates the equipment or property of **the Association** or any equipment or property leased or borrowed by **the Association**, must at all times be a financial member of **the Association**.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- (1) The membership fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members shall from time to time at a General Meeting so determine.
- (2) The membership fees for each class of membership shall be payable at such time and in such a manner as the committee shall from time to time determine.
- (3) Any member who has failed to renew their membership within 30 days following the due date shall be deemed non-financial.
- (4) Members wishing to join in the final 2 months of the financial year may be deemed financial until June the following year if paid after 15 April.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) An application for membership of **the Association**
 - a. shall be made by the applicant in writing on the approved membership form and
 - b. shall be lodged with the secretary of **the Association**.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary shall refer the application to the committee which shall determine whether to approve or reject the application. An application may only be rejected if
 - a. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would not abide by the rules and objectives of **the Association**; or
 - b. required by law; or
 - c. the applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - d. the applicant has previously been expelled from membership for breach of the rules; or
 - e. the applicant has posted or published in the public domain information or comments designed to be prejudicial to the interests of **the Association** or the members or designed to bring **the Association** into disrepute; or
 - f. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would not abide by the Community Broadcasting Code of Practice; or
 - g. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would pose a security risk to the members or premises of **the Association** or
 - h. The applicant is not and has never been resident in the licence area,
- (3) In considering an application for membership pursuant to these rules, the board must ensure that a person who is not qualified for membership of **the Association** is not admitted as a member.
- (4) Where the committee resolves -
 - a. to approve an application for membership, the secretary shall, as soon as practicable after that resolution, notify the applicant of that approval and request the applicant to pay within the period of 28 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as membership fee.
 - b. to reject an application for membership, the applicant shall be advised in writing of the reasons why the application has been rejected and have the right of reply and appeal under rule 11 (1) and 12. Where the applicant exercises the right of reply the resolution of the committee is of no effect unless the committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service on the applicant of a notice under clause 11 (1), confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (5) The secretary shall;
 - a. on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in clause 4 (a) within the period referred to in that clause; or
 - b. upon resolution of the committee to reject an application being overturned on reply or appeal and payment of the required membership fee by the applicant, enter the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of **the Association**.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1) A person ceases to be a member of **the Association** if the person:
 - a. dies; or
 - b. resigns membership; or
 - c. is expelled from **the Association**.
- 2) A member may resign from **the Association** by giving a written notice of resignation to the Secretary.
- 3) The resignation takes effect at
 - a. the time the notice is received by the Secretary; or
 - b. if a later time is stated in the notice, the later time.
- 4) The Management Committee may terminate a member's membership if the member;
 - a. is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - b. does not comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
 - c. conducts himself or herself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of **the Association**.
- 5) Before the Management Committee terminates a member's membership, the Committee must give the member a full and fair opportunity to show cause why the membership should not be terminated.
- 6) If, after considering all representations made by the member, the Management Committee decides to terminate the membership, the Secretary of the Committee must give the member a written notice of the decision. There is no requirement to provide reasons for this determination.
- 7) If a member of **the Association** ceases to be a member under clause (1), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERABLE

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of **the Association**:

- a. is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- b. terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The Management Committee shall cause a Register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of **the Association** and the dates of their admission.
- (2) Particulars shall also be entered into the Register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of membership and any further particulars as the Management Committee or the members at any General Meeting may require from time to time.
- (3) The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the Secretary for such inspection. Such inspection must be under the supervision of the Secretary.
- (4) The Management Committee may, on the application of a member of **the Association**, withhold information about the member (other than the member's full name) from the Register available for inspection if the Management Committee has reasonable grounds for believing the disclosure of the information would adversely affect the member or his/her family.

A FULL COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION CAN BE VIEWED BY REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION