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KAA MEMBERSHIP

Policy

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INTRODUCTION

The Kytherian Association of Australia has several types of membership categories which are outlined in this policy and in the Constitution of the Kytherian Association of Australia.

The membership year begins 1st January.

PURPOSE

To outline the various Kytherian Association of Australia membership categories and renewal procedures in accordance with the Constitution of the Kytherian Association of Australia.

POLICY

Membership

All applicants must be 18 years of age or older

A single member is one person

A family membership includes more than one person per household, including dependents under the age of eighteen. (Entitled to 2 votes for members 18+)

The membership year begins on the 1st January.

Membership Categories

The Kytherian Association has the following membership categories:

Full Members

The following persons who have attained the age of eighteen years are eligible to apply to be Full Members of the KAA:

- a) Born or descended from persons born on the Greek island of Kythera, or

- b) married to, widowed from, adopted by, or in a de-facto relationship with any person born or descended from persons born on the Greek island of Kythera, and
- c) once a person is accepted as a Full Member, they will always be eligible to be a Full Member subject to clause 17.4.

Full Members have the right to vote at any general meeting.

Associate Members

All persons over 18 years who support the objects of the Kytherian Association of Australia that do not qualify as full membership listed above are eligible to apply to be members.

Associate Members will not have the right to vote at any general meeting.

Life Members

- a) Full Members who have demonstrated exceptional and distinguished service to the Kytherian community.
- b) Life members shall not be liable for any membership dues to the company from the date of their appointment and shall have the like privileges in all respects as Full Members.
- c) Life members immediate family: spouse and dependents under 18 years of age will be included as part of their life membership.
- d) Life membership will cease to apply in the event that the life member is deceased, the life member's spouse is deceased or the life member's dependents attain the age of 18 years.

Benefactors

Persons who have made a significant donation to the company as determined by the directors and shall not be subject to membership dues.

Benefactors will not have the right to vote at any general meeting unless they satisfy conditions in clause 11.1. 11.5 in KAA Constitution.

Honorary Members

An Honorary Membership may be granted to individuals or incorporated body deemed worthy of such distinction as resolved by the Board.

Honorary Members shall not be subject to membership dues.

This membership may be conferred for a specified period or, in cases of distinguished service over many years, for Life in which case it shall be described as '**Honorary Life Membership.**' Honorary Members are not entitled to vote at any general or annual meeting.

Announcement of AGM or EGM

At 6pm on the date on which notice of a general meeting is sent to members

- a) the enrolment of new members shall cease and shall not be recommenced until after such meeting is concluded
- b) a member must be a financial member at the date of notice of general meeting to be eligible to vote at such meeting

Renewal notices for membership

- a) Due 1st January
- b) Will be advertised in the newsletter in November and December prior to the membership year. Also advertised in February newsletter.
- c) SMS reminder sent to each member in March if payment has not been received.
- d) Newsletters are received up until March.
- e) Membership can be paid direct to KAA through its various means, with a 1 year or 5 year option. Should a membership lapse past the 3 month grace period to 31 March, a New Membership Application form will need to be completed and ratified at the next KAA Board meeting.

Membership Applications

A person may apply in writing to become a member of the KAA and must use an application form determined by the Board, stating that they:

- a) want to become a member (as defined in clause 11.1 and 11.2 constitution)
- b) support the objectives of the company, and
- c) agree to comply with the company's constitution.

Membership approval

- a) A person's membership application must include a nomination from at least two (2) current Full Members who have been Full Members for the preceding twenty-four (24) months and are not subject to any disciplinary action.
- b) The application must be delivered to the secretary who will submit it to the next meeting of the Board after receipt of the application.
- c) Directors decide whether to approve membership
- d) The directors must consider an application for membership within a reasonable time after the secretary has submitted the application to the Board
- e) If the directors approve an application, the secretary must within seven (7) days: (a) enter the new member on the register of members, and (b) notify the applicant in writing that their application was approved, and the date that their membership started.
- f) For the avoidance of doubt, the directors may approve an application even if the application does not state the matters listed above. In that case, by applying to be a member, the applicant agrees to those three matters.

- g) If the directors reject an application for membership the secretary must write to the applicant as soon as possible to advise them that their application has been rejected, but is not required to give reasons.
- h) Other than existing members, an applicant will become a member when they are entered on the register of members
- i) If a new member pays for membership from September, the membership will automatically carry over to the following calendar year.

When a person ceases being a member

A person immediately stops being a member if they:

- a) become deceased.
- b) have not paid any membership dues for a period of three months after they are due i.e. by 31st March.
- c) resign, by writing to the secretary
- d) are expelled under clause 17 of the constitution, or
- e) have not responded within three months to a written request from the secretary that they confirm in writing