

LIONS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.- Aug 2006

(a) **ACTIVE:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this club, district or association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligations shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this Lions club in the community.

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – Yes
Voting Privileges - Yes
Delegate at District or International Convention – Yes

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – Yes
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – Yes
Participation in club Activities - Yes
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes

(b) **MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** A member of this club who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in this club, and upon whom the board of directors of this club desires to confer this status. This status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of this club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in district or international meetings or conventions, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – No
Voting Privileges – Yes, but club matters only
Delegate at District or International Convention – No

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – No
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – Yes
Participation in club Activities – Yes, when available
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes
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(c) **HONORARY:** An individual, not a member of this Lions club, having performed outstanding service for the community or this Lions club, upon whom this club desires to confer special distinction. This club shall pay entrance fees and international and district dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – No
Voting Privileges - No
Delegate at District or International Convention – No

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – No
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – No, club pays applicable International and District dues
Participation in club Activities - No
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes

(d) **PRIVILEGED:** A member of this club who has been a Lion fifteen or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the board of directors of this club, must relinquish his/her active status. A Privileged Member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. He/she shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold club, district or international office.

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – No
Voting Privileges - Yes
Delegate at District or International Convention – Yes

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – No
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – Yes
Participation in club Activities – Yes, when able
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes

(e) **LIFE MEMBER:** Any member of this club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for 20 or more years and has rendered outstanding service to this club, his/her community, or this Association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who has maintained such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age may be granted Life Membership in this club upon:

- (a) recommendation of this club to the association,
- (b) payment to the association of US\$500.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by this club in lieu of all future dues to the association, and
- (c) approval by the International Board of Directors. Nothing herein shall prevent this club from charging a Life Member such dues as it shall deem proper.

A Life Member shall have all privileges of active membership so long as he/she fulfills all obligations thereof.

A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions club shall automatically become a Life Member of said club.

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – Yes, If fulfills obligations of An active member
Voting Privileges - Yes, If fulfills obligations of an active member
Delegate at District or International Convention – Yes, If fulfills obligations of an active member

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – No
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – Yes, District & Club ONLY.
No International Dues obligations
Participation in club Activities – Yes, when able
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes

(f) **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** A member who holds his/her primary membership in another Lions club but maintains a residence or is employed in the community served by this club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the board of directors and shall be reviewed annually. The club shall not report an Associate Member on its Membership and Activities Report.

An Associate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters, at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub-, provisional and/or multiple) or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international

committee assignments through this club. International and district (single, sub-, provisional and/or multiple) dues shall not be assessed on the Associate; PROVIDED, however, nothing shall prevent this club from assessing an Associate such dues as it shall deem proper.

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – No
Voting Privileges – District Convention (Primary Club) Club matters only (both)
Delegate at District or International Convention – No

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – YES – Primary club , NO – Secondary club
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – Yes, Club only
Participation in club Activities – Yes, when able
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes

(g) **AFFILIATE MEMBER:** A quality individual of the community who currently is not able to fully participate as an Active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives and be affiliated with the club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the club's board of directors.

An Affiliate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub, transitional, provisional, and/or multiple) or international conventions.

He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignment. An Affiliate Member shall be required to pay district, international and such dues as the local club may charge.

Rights and Privileges:

Eligible to seek Club, District & International Office – No
Voting Privileges – Club Matters only
Delegate at District or International Convention – No

Obligations:

Regular meeting attendance – No
Prompt payment of Dues (Club, District & International) – Yes
Participation in club Activities – Yes, when able
Conduct reflecting favorable image - Yes