

Membership

excerpts from the LI Division's By-Laws

A. Criteria for Membership

Individuals and organizations residing on Long Island or in close proximity may become members of the L I Division.

Those residing in regions without a division may elect membership in the Long Island Division.

B. Qualifications for Membership

The qualification for membership is: citizenship or permanent residency in the United States of America, (except for members of type D5 and D6) and not having been in legal or social conflict with Polonia.

C. Definition of a member in "good standing"

Members in "good standing" are members that have been members at least three {3} months and those who pay their dues on time.

D. Types of membership and their rights:

- 1. Individual membership (IM)**
is defined as any individual person of Polish ancestry, or anyone related by blood or marriage to a person of Polish ancestry. Individuals shall pay nominal dues that are required by the PAC and are accepted by the General Assembly of the LI Division. Members in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- 2. Student membership (SM)**
may be granted for a full time student, at least sixteen (16) years old. Students shall pay one third (1/3) of the nominal dues and are entitled to vote or run for an office if they are at least eighteen (18) years old.
- 3. Family membership (FM)**
may be chosen by a family to lower their dues. Father, mother and their children shall pay one and half (1 ½) of the nominal dues. They all shall have rights of an individual member with exception of having only one (1) vote per family.
- 4. Organizational membership (OM)**
may be chosen by any organization consisting of a substantial number of persons of Polish origin or of Polish ancestry. Organizations are entitled to two (2) Delegates and shall pay two (2) times of the nominal dues. Organizations with more than 100 members shall be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate and pay the additional nominal fee for this Delegate. Delegates must have mandates from their organizations. Each Delegate shall have one (1) vote.
- 5. Associate membership (AM)**
Is for those who would like to support the division, but for some reasons cannot or choose not to, vote or participate in elections.

6. Honorary membership (HM) may be extended to both members and non-members of LI Division. To be considered for the HM, an individual must have given extraordinary service to the LI Division or whose public identification with the PAC could benefit the PAC. They are not required to pay dues and if they had once been members, they shall retain their membership's rights and positions.

E. Acceptance of Members

All applications for membership shall be submitted on forms supplied by the LI Division. The completed application, together with payment in the required amount shall be submitted to the division's Executive Board.

- a) The Executive Board of LI Division shall evaluate the applicant and make their recommendation by majority vote,
- b) The application and recommendation shall be forwarded by the division's Secretary to the National Executive Committee for a final acceptance and certification of the applicant as a member. If the recommendation is for rejection, no reason need be given. All applications shall be treated as confidential. The National Executive Committee shall notify the division's Executive Board of its decision. The division's Board shall notify applicants of their status.

A new member shall be encouraged to read the division's by-laws and shall be sworn in at the next general meeting.

E. Nomination for Honorary Membership

The application with resume must be delivered to the Secretary of the LI Division. After evaluation by the division's Executive Board, the applicant that made the recommendation shall be notified about the outcome. The entire process should be confidential, to surprise the recipient. An official announcement of Honorary Membership ought to be made at an upcoming division's General Assembly meeting.

F. Reasons for Termination or Suspension of Membership

Members may be terminated after their written resignation notes to the division's Executive Board.

A member shall be suspended for non-payment of dues following ninety (90) days' notice. During a period of suspension, a member shall not be entitled to participate in any membership meeting or serve on any committee. If the dues are not received within ninety (90) days after a notice such member shall be removed from the list of active members.

The reasons, other than dues, for termination may be:
-the failure to comply with the By-Laws or rules and regulations of the LI Division,
-the outcome of grievance procedure.

Before suspension or termination first a hearing by the Grievance Commission must take place follow by the vote of the General Assembly.

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