

## Membership - Conference #5 – Consensus – edit #2

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There were no questions regarding the requirements for, and the details regarding, by-laws setting out the conditions of membership, and likewise, not questions regarding the interpretation of the class voting provisions of section 199. It was clarified that section 199 comes into play only when an amendment to the conditions of membership is proposed, and not when the conditions are initially established, and only the class or classes affected by the amendment vote separately as a class.

A number of changes to the proposed by-law were recommended. As a consequence of those recommendations, the amended proposal is reproduced below.

### **Part VI - Membership**

1. *The Association shall consist of two classes of members; voting and non-voting.*

*1.1 The following categories of membership shall be voting members:*

*1.1.1 Active, and*

*1.1.2 Life Member*

*1.2 The following category of membership shall be non-voting, except as expressly provided for in the Act*

*1.2.1 Associate*

2. *A membership may not be transferred to another member.*

### **VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

3. *The class of voting membership shall be available only to Active Members, or to Life Members appointed prior to the adoption of these by-laws, and shall be entitled to not more than one vote on any issue at a General Meeting.*

4. *Active membership shall be available to a person of good character who has applied and has had their application reviewed and approved by a Division Accreditation Committee for Active membership in the Association, and who is:*

*4.1.1 a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP);*

*4.1.2 a former member of the RCMP Reserve;*

*4.1.3 a former member of the RCMP Auxiliary with a minimum of three years' service who was not been dismissed or discharged for unsatisfactory conduct; or*

*4.1.4 a former member of the Federal Public Service (PSE) or Municipal Employee (ME) who has worked in the employment of the RCMP for a total period of 10 years; and*

5. *A Life Member is a member of the Association appointed as a Life Member prior to the adoption of these by-laws.*

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6. *Anyone who ceased to be employed, or has been dismissed or discharged from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), because of discreditable conduct is prohibited from membership in the RCMP Veterans' Association.*
7. *The term of Active membership shall be annual, and be subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Association.*
8. *A Member may withdraw from the Association by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Division to which the member belongs. Upon withdrawal, a member shall not be entitled to a refund of dues paid in respect of that membership.*

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

9. *Associate membership shall be available to a person of good character who has applied and has had their application reviewed and approved by a Division Accreditation Committee for Associate membership in the Association, and who is:*
  - 9.1 *a serving Regular, Civilian, Reserve or Auxiliary member of the RCMP with 10 years or more service;*
  - 9.2 *the spouse/partner of an Active Member;*
  - 9.3 *the spouse/partner of Life Members appointed prior to the adoption of these by-laws;*
  - 9.4 *a Public Service Employee (PSE), or a Municipal Employee (ME), currently serving with the RCMP, and with 10 years or more service with the RCMP;*
  - 9.5 *A Temporary Civilian Employee (TCE) with 3 years or more service with the RCMP;*
  - 9.6 *the widow/widower of a deceased member of the Force who was serving at the time of death; or*
  - 9.7 *the widow/widower of any deceased Active, Life or Associate Member.*
10. *Associate membership shall be available to a person not otherwise defined in paragraph 9, who is of good character, has demonstrated an affinity to the Association, has been recommended by an Active Member, and has applied and has been accepted by a Division by ordinary resolution of those present at a Division Meeting for Associate membership in the Association.*

### **SPECIAL APPOINTMENT**

11. *The incumbent Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police may be appointed by the National President as Honourary National President.*
12. *The Governor General of Canada, if he/she accepts such appointment, may be appointed by the National President as Patron of the Association.*
13. *The Lieutenant Governor of a Province or the Territorial Commissioner of a Territory, if he/she accepts such appointment, may be appointed by the Division President as Patron of one or more of the Divisions within a Province or Territory, as the case may be.*

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*14. The incumbent Commanding Officer of the RCMP Division or of the policing jurisdiction within which the Veterans' Division is located, may be appointed by the Division President as Honourary Division President.*