



Membership Terms and Conditions

Member's Role

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum (FRIENDS) has an “open” membership structure. A member is a person who is admitted into membership, entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting, and holds various rights by virtue of membership. This open membership structure is to satisfy the requirements for sustaining the election of a Board of Directors and to encourage interested supporters in furthering the FRIENDS charitable activities through participation in governance and other activities such as volunteerism.

Membership Conditions

The FRIENDS bylaw states in part *there shall be one class of Members in the Corporation. Membership in the Corporation shall be available to persons interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes and who have applied for membership and been accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board or in such other manner as may be determined by the Board.*

Organizations and groups (e.g., Legion branches) wishing to hold membership will be required to designate one person to hold the voting power for their entity.

Member Rights

A member has the right to do the following:

- Vote at a meeting of the members.
- Receive notice of members meetings.
- Add items to the agenda of members meetings.
- Request the directors to call a meeting of the members and to call a meeting themselves if the directors fail to do so.
- Elect directors and remove them from the board.
- Approve or confirm by-laws.
- Examine corporate records (i.e., minute book).
- Receive financial statements and accountant/auditor's report.
- Approve major or fundamental changes (e.g., change to the objects/purposes of the corporation).
- Appoint the accountant/auditor.
- If a member believes there is a denial of membership rights, the member can ask the Court to enforce a right or to address a problem with the corporation.

Member Obligations

A member, in addition to receiving membership rights, agrees to the responsibility of adhering to the FRIENDS articles, by-laws, and written policies which include *inter alia*

- membership conditions such as continuing interest in furthering the Corporation's purposes,
- conflict of interest avoidance, and

- member discipline for non-adherence to member responsibilities.

Membership Dues

The Board of Directors shall recommend to the membership a minimum level of financial donation rather than dues for an annual membership. The minimum financial donation shall be voted upon by ordinary resolution at a Members' Annual Meeting.

The membership year is from 1 January to 31 December as noted on the membership card. A member shall be notified in writing of the membership dues payable and, if not paid within three (3) calendar months of the renewal date, the member in default shall automatically cease to be a member.

Discipline of Members

The Board shall have authority to suspend or expel any member from the Corporation for any one or more of the following grounds:

- violating any provision of the articles, by-laws, or written policies of the Corporation,
- carrying out any conduct which may be detrimental to the Corporation as determined by the board in its sole discretion, and
- for any other reason that the board in its sole and absolute discretion considers to be reasonable, having regard to the purpose of the Corporation.

Termination of Membership

A membership in the Corporation is terminated when the:

- member dies or resigns,
- member is expelled, or their membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the articles or by-laws,
- member's term of membership expires, or
- Corporation is liquidated and dissolved under the Act.

Membership Transferability

The interest of a member in the Corporation is not transferable to another person outside the Corporation.

Privacy of Member Information

The FRIENDS may seek selected items of member information beyond that contained in the membership application. Information beyond basic identification will be collected on a voluntary basis and used only for FRIENDS programs in support of the Canadian War Museum. Such information will not be divulged to third parties or used for other purposes without the written consent of the members involved.

Honorary Friend

Any FRIEND'S member may nominate an individual as an Honorary FRIEND. This recognition is awarded in only exceptional cases to recognize an individual for unusual service and contributions to the FRIENDS and/or Canada's military legacy.

An Honorary FRIEND is not a member by virtue of the title "Honorary FRIEND", does not have a vote and is not eligible to hold any office in the Corporation. An Honorary FRIEND is welcome and encouraged to attend all FRIEND'S meetings and events and is exempt from the payment of admission fees to FRIEND'S events. Honorary FRIENDS may become members as set out in these Terms and Conditions.