

ARTICLE 6 –MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications. Any person 18 years of age or older who is in sympathy with the goals and purpose of the Club, as set forth in the Preamble and Article 5 hereof, shall be eligible for membership, subject to acceptance by the General Assembly of the Club, or of the regional, city, village or neighbourhood club near his or her domicile when these have been founded.

Section 2. Acceptance of membership.

- (a) Any person eligible for membership may submit an application for acceptance addressed to the Presidents of the Club, or of the regional, city, village or neighbourhood club near his or her domicile, as the case may be.
- (b) The Presidents shall forward the application, with their comments, to the other Officers and the Council of the relevant club, as the case may be, for deliberation.
- (c) The application, with any comments thereto, shall then be submitted to the General Assembly of the relevant club, as the case may be, for acceptance.
- (d) Once accepted, the new member shall pay his or her dues to the Treasurers of the relevant club, as the case may be.
- (e) Membership starts from the date of payment of the Club dues.

Section 3. Rights of the members. The members shall have the right to:

- (a) participate in activities of the Club and of the Res Populi clubs in which the Club is integrated (cfr. Article 2);
- (b) vote in the General Assembly;
- (c) hold Club offices;
- (d) be informed about the persons elected for Club offices, the decisions adopted by the Club organs, the activities undertaken by the Club and the Club's financial situation;
- (e) appeal against the decisions of the Club organs which they deem contrary to the Law or this Constitution (cfr. Article 12, Sections 4 and 5).

Section 4. Duties of the members. The members shall have the duty to:

- (a) share the Club's goals and collaborate to achieve them;
- (b) observe and abide by this Constitution and the decisions validly adopted by the Club organs;
- (c) pay the Club dues.

Section 5. Membership shall run January 1 to December 31. A person joining the Club for the first time, if paying membership dues after October 1, shall be considered a member in good standing for the remainder of that year and for the following year. Club members who have not paid their dues for one or 2 years may opt for immediate reinstatement as members in good standing by paying the unpaid and current membership dues. Club members who have not paid their dues for 3 or more years shall be considered lapsed members and required to follow the procedures for joining the Club as though they were new members.

Section 6. Resignation. A member may cease to be a member of the Club at any time by submitting a letter of resignation addressed to the Presidents of the Club, or of the regional, city, village or neighbourhood club near his or her domicile, as the case may be.

Section 7. Expulsion. A member may be expelled for conduct contrary to the best interests of the Club by decision of a Jury in a disciplinary procedure (cfr. Articles 15; 12 Section 4b; 12 Section 5b).

Section 8. Club Membership List. There shall be a Club Membership List, which shall contain the names, the postal addresses and email addresses of members, the date of acceptance and, as the case may be, the date of termination of membership (cfr. Articles 6 Section 8; 10 Section 7c; 17 Section 4).