

Current Bylaw Language

Article II. Membership

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Section 2. Application for membership shall be filed with the membership committee who shall respond to each applicant within 60 days from the date of a completed filing. An application received without proper payment of dues shall be rejected.

Section 3. Each members' renewal dues are payable on September 1st. The membership committee shall send each member, at least 15 days before such due date, a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Section 4. Types of Membership

- a. **Voting member.** Any applicant shall be recognized by the organization as a voting member when the applicant has:
 - 1) reached 16 years of age;
 - 2) applied on a form, as approved by the board. This form shall be readily available upon written request to the membership committee or corresponding secretary.
- b. **Honorary member.** The board may, by a two-thirds majority vote and as it deems appropriate, extend honorary lifetime memberships to individuals in recognition of meritorious service to the organization. A person so titled shall have none of the obligations of membership, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges of a member of the organization except the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Membership may be terminated:

- a. by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the organization upon written notice to the membership chairman. Such resignations shall be reported to the corresponding secretary who shall report same to the board for action.
- b. By lapsing. A member shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after the renewal date; however, the board may grant an additional 60 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a member be entitled to vote whose dues are unpaid.

Section 6. The organization's newsletter, WAG Tales, shall be sent to each member.

Section 7. The membership list shall be used only by members of the organization and only for the purpose of carrying on the work of the organization. Other use or distribution of such list shall be prohibited until specifically approved by an affirmative vote of the membership present provided that notice of consideration has been given at least 30 days' prior.

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ensuing year. Once payment has been received, the membership shall be considered renewed. Payments received more than 60 days after membership anniversary date shall lead to the establishing of a new membership date.

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Section 8. Payment of membership dues can be made in cash, check, or via approved electronic payment systems as designated by the WAG Board of Directors. Successful payment of dues will result in a 12 month membership with We Adopt Greyhounds, Inc.