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MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Membership of *Community 2XX FM Incorporated. (The Association)* is open to any person who is renewing subscriber as defined in Rule 5, sub-rule 2b of the Constitution, who agrees with basic objects of the Association as defined in Rule 3 of the Constitution as follows:

(1) To apply for obtain and hold a community broadcasting license in order to promote and foster the educational, recreational, social and cultural interests of the community of Canberra and surrounding regions and of the community of the Association by the provision of radio broadcasts and related activities.

2) To promote participation by the community in the creation and maintenance of an alternative and innovative radio service, with particular emphasis on the following:

- i) Music, particularly by local and other Australian artists*
- ii) Community and current affairs*
- iii) Arts*
- iv) Education*
- v) Indigenous affairs and culture*
- vi) Multicultural/community language programs*

Individual subscriptions are available at different rates including Concession (\$25 pa) Full/Waged (\$50 pa), and Passionate (\$100 pa). 10 year subscriptions cost \$250; lifetime subscriptions \$500. Subscribers are entitled to discounts on purchases at some local businesses.

Association membership rights include:

- voting rights at Annual General and Special Meetings
- rights to notice of these meetings
- rights to information about station policies and procedures
- the right to nominate to hold formal roles in the organisation,
- the right to not be oppressed, and
- access to opportunities for involvement in all forms of station activity including governance structures and presentation of programs.

Association membership obligations include

- payment of memberships fees, and
- following the rules of the association.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all persons wishing to become members of the Association. Volunteer presenters are required to hold a current individual subscription.

POLICY

Rule 5 of the Constitution defines the following processes and criteria for Membership:

1) A person who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the annual subscription prescribed in, or fixed under, these rules.

(2) Membership is open to any person who agrees with the basic objects of the Association.

A person shall be admitted to membership if –

(a) he/she is nominated as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule; and

(b) his/her admission as a member is approved by the Board of Management; and the following provision shall apply:

(i) he/she is a renewing subscriber for at least twelve months or such lesser period as the Board may determine

(3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Association

(a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association;

(b) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(c) shall be lodged with the public officer of the Association.

(4) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the public officer shall refer the nomination to the Board of management.

(5) Upon a nomination being approved by the Board of Management, the public officer shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee, in writing, that he/she has been approved for membership of the Association and, upon receipt of the sum payable by or on behalf of the nominee as his/her first year's subscriptions, shall enter the nominee's name in a register of members to be kept by the public officer, whereupon the nominee becomes a member of the Association.

(6) A member of the Association may, at any time, resign from the Association by delivering or sending by post to the public officer a written notice of resignation.

(7) Upon receipt of a notice under sub- rule (6) of this rule, the public officer shall remove the name of the member by whom the notice was given from the register of members,

whereupon that member ceases to be a member of the Association.

(8) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by virtue of his/her membership of the Association

(a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and

(b) terminates upon the cessation of his/her membership whether by death, resignation, or otherwise.

(9) Members shall be liable to contribute towards payment of liabilities of the Association on a winding up to the extent only of the amount owing in arrears or otherwise by each member for membership fees.

(10) If a member fails to pay the annual membership fee payable by her or him from the due date, provided that the member is given notice, the public officer shall remove that member's name from the Register of Members where upon that member ceases to be a member of the Association.

Rights of Association Members

As well as the liability specified in Rule 5, sub-rule 9, Members of the Association have the right to vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings. The principal business of the Annual General Meeting is the appointment of the Board. Special general meetings can be convened by the board or by notice in writing from not less than 10 per cent of the membership. The rules of the association may be amended by resolution passed by a two thirds majority of financial members voting at a special general meeting.

Expulsion and Appeals

The Board may expel a member from the Association if, in the opinion of the Board, the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association. In such case, the member may appeal against the expulsion to a Special General Meeting by delivering or sending by post to the public officer of the Association, within fourteen days after the service of that notice, a requisition in writing demanding the convening of such a meeting for the purpose of hearing his/her appeal

Income and Property of the Association

The income and property of the Association, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by dividend, bonus or bonus or otherwise, to any member of the association.

Authorisation

Approved by 2XX Board, 28 September 2017

Responsible person: 2XX Board Secretary