

**GOV.06.01 BTC Membership****Policy**

1. There shall be one class of membership of the BTC. There shall be three ways that members of the BTC pay dues: as regular members, as life members, and as honorary life members.

**Regular Member; Life Member**

- i. An individual, family, community organization or corporation may become a regular member of the BTC by applying to and being accepted by the BTC as a regular member and paying the annual dues prescribed from time to time
- ii. An individual or family may become a life member of the BTC by applying to and being approved by the BTC as a life member and paying the onetime dues prescribed by the BTC

**Honorary Member**

- iii. An individual member, a family member and an individual(s) in a family membership may become an honorary member of the BTC upon such member being nominated for honorary membership by a member or a Club and such nomination being approved by the CEO. The nomination must demonstrate significant volunteering by the nominee at both the Club and Conservancy levels. An honorary member is so for life.
2. A member of the BTC may be an individual, a family, a community organization or a corporation. An individual is any natural person. A family is any two or more natural persons who reside together as a family at the same address. An organization is any community association, or other entity recognized as a community organization by the Board of Directors (Board).
  3. All members of the BTC are entitled (but not required) to join one or more BTC clubs. Although membership in a BTC club is not required to be a member of the BTC, membership in the BTC is required to be a member of a BTC club.

**Dues**

4. Dues shall be payable annually by regular members on the anniversary date of the member's acceptance as a regular member or on such other date each year as shall be determined by the Board. Dues shall be payable on a one-time basis by life members at the time that the member is accepted as a life member. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.
5. The dues payable by members, and the allocation of revenue therefrom between the BTC and the BTC clubs, shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board. The Board will regularly review membership fees no less frequently than every two years.

**Termination of Membership**

6. The membership of any member of the BTC will be terminated as follows:
  - i. An individual life membership terminates on the death of the individual member.
  - ii. A family life membership terminates on the death of the individual in whose name the membership is held unless that person is survived by a spouse/partner, in which case the membership terminates on the death of the spouse/partner.

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- iii. An individual honorary membership terminates on the death of the individual; a family honorary membership terminates on the death of the individual and the spouse/partner.
- iv. A regular membership terminates automatically when the member's term of membership expires. The term of membership expires on the 'expiry date' recorded on the books of the BTC and printed on the membership card.
- v. When the Board terminates a membership for cause in accordance with Section 7.3 of the By-laws of the BTC and this Policy.

#### **Termination of a Membership for Cause**

- 7. Prior to the Board's passage of any resolution authorizing disciplinary action with respect to a member or the termination of a member:
  - i. The Board shall instruct the Governance Committee to conduct a review, including any information received from the affected member, of the circumstances relating to any complaint against the member and make a recommendation to the Board. Where appropriate the Governance Committee shall solicit input from the Club of the member;
  - ii. The Board shall consider the Governance Committee's recommendation in making its decision whether to authorize disciplinary action or the termination of the membership of the member, and notify the member of its decision;
  - iii. In preparing any written submission opposing the disciplinary action or termination of membership, the member may solicit from the Club of the member all relevant information or comment pertaining to the matter.

#### **Annual and Special Meetings of Members**

- 8. Each member shall be entitled to one vote per individual, family organization or corporation, as the case may be, at every annual or special meeting of the members of the BTC. For greater certainty, if a member is a family, or organization, such member shall have only one vote and only one individual from the family organization or corporation, as the case may be, shall be recognized as the representative of the member with the right to act on behalf of the member.