

Membership Policy

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AACT may have one or more classes of Members as established by its Board of Directors. The Board may adopt, amend, or repeal policies governing membership categories, qualifications, dues, benefits, application procedures, renewal procedures, good-standing requirements, suspension, termination, and reinstatement in its sole discretion.

Membership Qualifications. Members must satisfy the qualifications established by the Board in AACT's membership policies. The Board may establish different qualifications for different membership classes.

Members in Good Standing. A Member is in good standing if the Member satisfies all applicable membership qualifications, has paid all required dues, fees, or assessments, and is not suspended or otherwise determined to be ineligible under these Bylaws or AACT's policies. Only Members in good standing may receive membership benefits and exercise membership rights.

Dues and Assessments. Dues, fees, and assessments shall be established and administered as provided in policies approved by the Board.

Nontransferability. Membership in AACT is not transferable or assignable.

Resignation. A Member may resign by written notice to the Executive Director of AACT.

Suspension or Termination of Membership. The Board, or a committee authorized by the Board, may suspend or terminate a Member's membership for cause, in accordance with procedures established in AACT's membership policies.

Effect of Termination or Resignation. Any Member whose membership is terminated or who resigns shall have no further membership rights or benefits and shall cease representing that the Member is affiliated with AACT as a current Member.

Reinstatement. A former Member may apply for reinstatement in accordance with procedures established by AACT.

Membership Classes

The Board of Directors of AACT establishes membership classes, categories, subcategories, eligibility criteria, benefits, dues, renewal requirements, and administrative procedures in its sole discretion.

Membership Classes. The Board may establish, modify, or eliminate membership classes in its sole discretion.

Membership Qualifications. To qualify for membership, an applicant must satisfy the qualifications applicable to the relevant membership category and must provide accurate and complete information in connection with the application, renewal, or membership-update process.

Individual Members other than Youth Members must be at least eighteen years of age. Youth memberships may be made available under separate terms established by AACT, including any required parent or guardian consent.

For organizational or association Members, the organization or association must be legally existing, must provide accurate information regarding its identity, budget size, membership category, and designated contacts, and must satisfy any other eligibility criteria established by AACT for the applicable membership category.

AACT may deny, suspend, terminate, or decline to renew membership if an applicant or Member:

- (a) provides false, misleading, or incomplete information to AACT;
- (b) fails to pay required dues, fees, or assessments;
- (c) fails to satisfy the qualifications for the applicable membership classes;
- (d) violates AACT's Bylaws, policies, procedures, or any other policies adopted or amended by the Board from time to time;
- (e) misuses AACT's name, logo, membership status, member directory, member data, or other AACT resources;
- (f) engages in conduct that is inconsistent with or harmful to AACT's mission, tax-exempt purposes, reputation, or interests; or
- (g) has been convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to, or is subject to pending charges involving a crime that AACT determines may present a risk to AACT, its Members, participants, programs, property, reputation, operations, or the communities it serves.

A criminal record does not automatically disqualify a person from membership unless required by law or AACT policy. AACT may consider the nature and seriousness of the offense, the time elapsed, the relationship of the offense to the membership category or activity, evidence of rehabilitation, legal restrictions, and the safety and best interests of AACT and its community.

AACT may require additional screening, background checks, certifications, disclosures, acknowledgments, or agreements for certain membership categories, leadership roles, volunteer roles, programs, events, or activities, particularly where participation involves minors, vulnerable populations, financial responsibility, access to confidential information, or representation of AACT.

Membership Status and Good Standing. A Member shall be considered in good standing if the Member satisfies the applicable qualifications for membership, has paid all required dues, fees, or assessments, and is not suspended or otherwise determined by the Bylaws or AACT policies to be ineligible under the Bylaws or AACT policies.

Only Members in good standing may receive membership benefits or exercise rights associated with membership. Membership benefits may include, as applicable, access to member communications, programs, discounts, listings, directories, resources, voting rights, or other benefits made available by AACT for the relevant membership classes.

AACT may withhold, suspend, or discontinue membership benefits if a Member is not in good standing.

Membership Fees. Membership fees shall be set and administered by the Executive Director, consistent with AACT's approved budget and any policies or direction adopted by the Board. Membership fees may vary by membership classes, organization type, organization budget size, or other criteria approved by the Board or administered by the Executive Director consistent with Board direction.

The Executive Director may recommend changes to membership fees, classes, or fee structures for Board consideration when appropriate. Current membership fees shall be communicated to prospective and renewing Members through AACT's membership materials, website, renewal notices, invoices, or other official communications.

Membership fees are due at the time established by AACT. AACT may decline to activate, renew, or continue membership benefits for any Member whose required dues, fees, or assessments have not been paid. Dues and fees are nonrefundable unless otherwise determined by the Executive Director or the Board.

Nontransferability of Membership. Membership is non-transferable and non-assignable. A Member may not transfer, assign, sell, or otherwise convey membership status, rights, benefits, or privileges to another person or entity.

Organization/Association Member Contacts. Each organization or association that is a Member of AACT may designate two persons to receive AACT communications on behalf of the organization or association. Designated contacts may receive member-related notices, renewal communications, program information, invoices, benefit information, and other AACT communications.

Designated contacts do not become individual Members solely by serving as contacts for an organization or association Member, unless they separately qualify for and maintain individual membership.

The organization or association is responsible for identifying its designated contacts and notifying the Executive Director in writing of any changes to those contacts. AACT may rely on communications sent to the designated contacts as communications sent to the organization or association Member.

Resignation. Any Member may resign by submitting a written resignation with the Executive Director. A resignation is effective upon receipt unless a later effective date is stated in the resignation.

Suspension or Termination. Suspension and termination of membership are governed by the Bylaws and any membership policies established by the Board.

Grounds for suspension or termination may include failure to pay required dues, fees, or assessments; failure to satisfy membership qualifications; violation of the Bylaws or AACT policies; misuse of AACT's name, logo, membership status, member directory, member data, or other resources; or action or conduct contrary to AACT's mission, tax-exempt purposes, reputation, or interests.

Except when suspension or termination is based on nonpayment of dues, fees, or assessments, AACT shall provide the Member with prior written notice and an opportunity to contest the proposed suspension or termination in writing.

The Board, or a committee authorized by the Board, may determine whether suspension, termination, reinstatement, or other action is appropriate.

Effect of Resignation, Suspension, or Termination. Upon resignation or termination, the Member shall have no further membership rights or benefits and shall cease representing that the Member is affiliated with AACT as a current Member. AACT may remove the Member from membership lists, directories, communications, benefit programs, and other member resources. Termination or resignation does not relieve the Member of any financial, contractual, confidentiality, indemnification, or other continuing obligations to AACT that accrued before the effective date of resignation, suspension, or termination.

Reinstatement. A former Member may apply for reinstatement in accordance with procedures established by AACT. AACT may require payment of outstanding amounts, current dues, and any applicable reinstatement fee as a condition of reinstatement.

Reinstatement is not automatic. AACT may deny reinstatement if the former Member does not satisfy applicable membership qualifications, has unresolved obligations to AACT, or was terminated for conduct that the Board or a committee authorized by the Board determines remains inconsistent with AACT's mission, tax-exempt purposes, reputation, or interests.