

EXCERPTS FROM THE SUNSHINE FM RADIO ASSOCIATION INC. CONSTITUTION (30 Sep 2023)

5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every application for membership except for Life membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, proposed by two financial members and shall be in such form as the Board of Management from time to time prescribes.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- (a) The annual membership fee for each class of membership, except Life membership, shall be determined by the Board of Management from time to time.
- (b) A financial member at any material time is a member who is not then indebted to the Association in respect of annual subscription or levy or other payment, whatsoever.
- (c) Only those members who are financial members at the time shall be entitled, subject to the lawful procedure of the meeting, to speak or vote upon any motion at any general meeting of the Association.

7. ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS

- (a) At the next meeting of the Board of Management after receipt of any application and the fee applicable, such application shall be considered by the Board of Management who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the application. An application may only be rejected if:
 - (i) Relevant material is not supplied on the membership application form; or
 - (ii) The applicant does not fit the criteria for that class of membership outlined in rule 4; or
 - (iii) The applicant fits into the categories for termination of membership given in sub-rule 8(c).
- (b) Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the Board of Management present at the meeting at which such application is being considered shall be accepted as a member.
- (c) Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for membership, the Secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.
- (d) New members will be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Association after three (3) months of membership.

8. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (a) A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Secretary.
- (b) The resignation shall take effect at the day and time such notice is received by the Secretary or should a later date be specified in the notice it shall take effect on that later date, subject to the approval of the Board of Management.
- (c) If a member:
 - (i) Is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - (ii) Fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Constitution, rules or by-laws; or
 - (iii) Conducts himself or herself in a manner injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association,the Board of Management shall consider whether that person's membership shall be terminated.
- (d) The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his or her case and if the Board of Management resolves to terminate the membership, it shall instruct the Secretary to advise the member in writing of the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based.
- (e) If, after at least two (2) separate notices are given to the member to renew their membership, membership fees are not paid within the current financial year, then membership is terminated, automatically. The first of such notices will be issued prior to the end of the financial year; the second at least two (2) months after the end of the financial year.
- (f) Any application to renew a membership which has lapsed because of non-payment of the membership fee within the current financial year shall be treated as a new membership application.

9. APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (a) A person whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may, within one (1) month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the Secretary written notice of the person's intention to appeal against the decision of the Board of Management.
- (b) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership, the Secretary shall convene, within three (3) months of the date of receipt by the Secretary of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal.
- (c) At any such meeting, the applicant or member shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the Board of Management or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership subsequently shall, likewise, have the opportunity of presenting their case.
- (d) The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
- (e) Where a person whose application is rejected does not appeal against the decision of the Board of Management within the time prescribed by these rules or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the Secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

10. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- (a) The Board of Management shall cause a register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Association and the dates of their admission.
- (b) Particulars shall also be entered into the register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of memberships and any further particulars, as the Board of Management or the members at any general meeting may require from time to time.
- (c) Only the names of financial members on the register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the Secretary for such inspection.