

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport

Membership Options

Classes of Members: The Bylaws of our Club specify the classes of membership available as Active, Senior, and Honorary. Prospective Active members shall be considered for election to membership by invitation only, or by transfer from an active Kiwanis club. Transfers must be made within six (6) months of discontinuing active service in the original club.

Article III. Membership and Classification

Section 7. Qualifications for Active Membership.

- a. An Active Member must believe in and subscribe to the Objects of Kiwanis International.
- b. An Active Member must be of good character and community standing who resides or has other community interests within the area of the chartered club.
- c. An Active Member must pay a membership induction fee and annual membership dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of club membership.

Section 8. Qualifications for Senior Membership.

- a. Any member who shall have been an Active Member in good standing of one (1) or more Kiwanis clubs for not less than ten (10) years, and who is unable to meet attendance requirements because of health, business, or other extenuating circumstances, and who shall have met such other conditions as may be prescribed by this club in these bylaws (note: the club currently has prescribed no other conditions), may be elected by the Board of Directors as a Senior Member upon making written application. (note: the written application may be in the form of an e-mail to the Administrative Secretary or to the Chairman of the Membership Development & Welfare Committee)
- b. The Board of Directors shall review the list of Senior Members not less than once each year and shall have authority, for such reasons as seem adequate, to terminate any such Senior Membership or to reinstate any such member to Active Membership.
- c. A Senior Member must pay annual membership dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of club membership.
- d. A Senior Member must meet the standards of attendance and participation as set forth by the Board of Directors. (note: Senior Members are expected to attend at least one regular club meeting per month. Senior Members are billed on a quarterly basis for; (1)at least one meal per month (more if they attend more than one meeting per month), (2)quarterly dues, and (3)quarterly assessment for Kiwanis Night.)

Section 10. Qualifications for Honorary Membership.

- a. Any person who has performed some distinguished public service may be elected by the Board of Directors as an Honorary Member (of which the person is not an Active, Senior, or Privileged Member) for a period of one (1) year and thereafter may be reelected annually.
- b. An Honorary Member shall not pay either a membership induction fee or annual membership dues, and shall be entitled to all privileges of club membership, except those of voting and holding office. An Honorary Member in the United States or Canada shall be a paid subscriber to KIWANIS magazine.
- c. An Honorary Member shall not be obligated to attend club meetings.

Leave of Absence: Club policy on Leave of Absence (LOA) is set forth in Kiwanis International's Administrative Bulletin #3, "Club Meeting Attendance and Participation Rules".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)

A. Dues Requirement: A leave of absence excuses a member from attendance requirements but does not eliminate the dues required for membership.

B. Conditions: Upon formal request and by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire board of directors, a member may be granted a leave of absence for a period of not less than thirty (30) days but not exceeding six (6) months for conditions as follows:

1. When confining illness will prevent attendance;
2. When special and/or temporary business conditions, professional assignments, or travel will prevent regular attendance;
3. When military service removes a member beyond his/her own club area.

Such leaves of absence may be renewed for additional six-month periods during the time that such conditions exist.

C. Member Moving: Upon formal request, and by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire board of directors, a leave of absence may be granted when members move their residence and/or community interests beyond the club area. This leave of absence provides the member an opportunity to become affiliated with another Kiwanis club in the new location while retaining membership in the present club. Kiwanis clubs are urged to use such leaves of absence to retain members in Kiwanis. Such leaves of absence terminate when the member affiliates with another club or at the end of a one-year period from the time the leave of absence is granted, whichever is earlier.

D. Member Serving in a Legislative Capacity:

Kiwanians serving in a state, provincial, national, or comparable legislative capacity, while attending legislative sessions or meetings, shall not be subject to the attendance requirements of active members and shall remain in the good standing of their club while rendering such legislative services. No attendance credit shall be given to the member serving in such capacity, and for club attendance reporting purposes as provided in this procedure, the member shall be considered as having a leave of absence.

E. Attendance During a LOA:

Members are urged to attend regular meetings of the club while on a Leave of Absence as their schedule permits. The member will be billed for any meals eaten during club meetings they attend.

Resignation from the Club: The Bylaws of our Club specify the procedure for resignations.

Article IV. Admission to Membership and Resignation.

Section 3. Resignation.

A member may resign from this club provided that such member's indebtedness to the club has been paid. The resignation shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and shall become effective when accepted by the Board. Such individual shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the club and all rights to the use of the Kiwanis name, emblem, insignia, or other Kiwanis Marks.

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