

## 2.5 Society Membership

### Policy

Society membership is available to individuals who are in agreement with the basis of the Society as stated in the Bylaws and who sign and support the Society's Statement of Faith.

### Membership Eligibility and Status

1. Any person who has attained the age of eighteen years, is in agreement with the basis of the Society, desires to support the objectives of the Society, pays the applicable membership donation, and signs the Statement of Faith shall become a member of the Society. Membership continues from year to year unless the member withdraws or is removed in accordance with the Bylaws.
2. Active membership status is assessed each membership year. A member is considered active when the annual financial requirement for the current membership year has been met and becomes inactive if it has not. Continuous active membership requires ongoing support of the Statement of Faith and regular financial support of the Society.
3. The annual minimum donation is waived for members who have children attending Edmonton Christian Schools in Kindergarten through Grade 12 and who are paying their Christian Program Fees.
4. For the purposes of membership eligibility, a family is considered to be "paying Christian Program Fees" when their fee account is in good standing. An account is in good standing when payments are being made as scheduled, any outstanding amounts are being addressed through an approved payment plan, and the family is responding to communication from the Society office regarding their account.
5. Members who do not meet the criteria for "paying Christian Program Fees" may maintain active membership by making the required annual donation.
6. To be considered a member in good standing on any given date, a person must have made a donation of not less than \$25.00 per single or \$50.00 per couple within the current membership year. The membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 and aligns with the Society's fiscal year for accounting and receipting purposes. For the purpose of voting at an AGM or special meeting, the required donation must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
7. A "couple" applies only to two adults in a marital relationship residing at the same address.
8. Only active members are entitled to vote at membership meetings.
9. Any member may withdraw from membership in the Society by notifying the Society office.
10. Any member may be expelled by a vote of the Board for reason of any act found to be in conflict with the basis of the Society.
11. Members will have access to an appeal mechanism comprising four (4) active (voting) Society members.

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