



Membership Policy

Introduction

The intent of this policy is to clarify membership fees for Community Members as defined in our society's bylaws.

Applies to

All members of the Radio Malaspina Society.

Objectives

The main objective of this policy is:

1. To ensure that Community Memberships are easy to track for the Executive Director, Secretary, Board of Directors, and our auditor.

Excerpt from Bylaws

3. MEMBERSHIP FEES

3.1. The membership fee shall consist of

3.1.1. A fee of not less than \$1.13 (set by referendum of students) per month per member applicable to the months in which they are students at Nanaimo Campus of Vancouver Island University. Fees are collected by the Student Union from Vancouver Island University, and remitted to the Radio Malaspina Society.

3.1.2. The annual membership fee for the following year for members of the greater community shall be set by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the AGM. The amount of that membership fee shall not be less than \$30.00.

Membership Fee as set by the Board of Directors per bylaw 3.1.2.

- \$30.00 per membership year for Community Members.

Membership Year

- Community Membership will be based on a financial year (May 1st, to April 30th of the following year), and fees for membership renewal will be due in May.

Fee Schedule for new Community Members

NOTE: in order to be considered a Voting Member at our Annual General Meeting, a Community Member must pay the full \$30 Community Member fee.

New Community Members looking to volunteer (but not have Voting Member status) shall have the option to pay their initial membership fee based on which financial quarter they become a member in. Membership renewals will occur all at once at the end/beginning of each membership year.

- Quarter 1 (May 1-July 31): \$30.00
- Quarter 2 (August 1 - October 31): \$22.50
- Quarter 3 (November 1 - January 31): \$15.00
- Quarter 4 (February 1 - April 30): \$7.50

Sustaining Donations to pay Community Membership

- Members may elect to pay their membership via monthly Sustaining Donation, so long as that donation totals more than \$30 in a membership year.
- In order to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting (generally occurring in October), a member would need to pay \$5 per month starting in May of the current financial year to ensure their full Community Membership dues are paid by October.

Membership approvals

- Memberships are automatically approved by the Board of Directors.
- Membership will not be granted to those who have, per bylaw 2.2, been expelled from the Radio Malaspina Society.

Created

This policy came out of the work of former Vice President Jordan Crawford in clarifying our policies regarding membership per bylaws 3.1.2 and 6.3.

Notes: An excerpt of the [Society Act Part 6 Membership](#) can be found here.

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Policy Approved By

Director Name	Position
Sandeep Chauhan	President
Janel Jezierski	Vice President
Camille James	Secretary
Bryan Gibbons	Treasurer
Robin Davies	Faculty Rep
<i>Empty Seat</i>	Admin Rep
Lauren Mayes	Member at Large (Community)
Jesse Scott Bradley	Member at Large (Student)
Savanna Lawless	Member at Large (Student)
Robert Thompson	Member at Large (Student)

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