

MEMBERS

Application for membership

- 2.1.a** A person directly engaged in tourism of the Islands, may apply to the Board for membership in the Society, and the person becomes a member on the Board's acceptance of the application.
- 2.1.b** Corporations, Societies, Partnerships, Associations or Estates, directly engaged in tourism and the economic welfare of the Islands may apply with a representative nominee to the Board for membership in the Society, and the entity becomes a member the Society on the Board's acceptance of the application. The voting power of such memberships shall, in each case, be assigned to the individual nominated by the applying members.
- 2.1.c** A person, Corporation, Society, Partnership, Associations or Estate indirectly engaged in Tourism or interested in the economic welfare of the Islands may apply to the Board for associate membership in the Society, becomes an associate member on the Board's acceptance of the application
- 2.1.d** Membership is non-transferable and new owners must apply for membership.
- 2.1.e** Members are responsible to keep all the information concerning their business current with Society. Communication with members will be via digital media as appropriate. All notices of Society meetings will be delivered by mail or email.

Duties of members

- 2.2.a** Every member must uphold the constitution of the Society and must comply with these Bylaws. Duties include but not limited to:
- Pay Membership Dues when due except for the Accommodators
 - Pay all other monies due and payable to Society when due
 - Comply with these Bylaws
 - Comply with such code of ethics as is prescribed by the Board from time to time

Membership Categories

- 2.3.a** Accommodators in the Islands region collecting the Hotel and MRD taxes

- 2.3.b** Accommodators including Marinas and Campgrounds in the Islands region not collecting the Hotel and MRD taxes
- 2.3.c** Direct but non-accommodation tourism operations
- 2.3.d** Indirect complementary tourism operations

Voting Rights and the Amount of membership dues

- 2.4.a** The amount of the annual membership dues, if any, must be determined by the Board. Changes in dues are subject to the approval of the majority of the Directors.
- 2.4.b** Other assessments may be levied against all members, if they are recommended by the Board and approved by a majority of the Directors.
- 2.4.c** All those accommodators collecting MRDT on behalf of the Society will be considered voting members of Society and will not pay membership dues. Accommodations not collecting Hotel and MRD taxes and Direct tourism operations may also become voting members of the Society paying membership dues as set by the Board. Accommodations not collecting Hotel and MRD taxes and Direct tourism not paying dues may be non-voting members of the Society. Benefits (if any) for each category will be set by the Board.
- 2.5.d** All indirect business operations or individuals may also become non-voting associate members of the Society paying associate member dues as set by the Board.

Termination of membership if member not in good standing

- 2.6** A person's membership in the Society is terminated if the person is not in good standing for 6 consecutive months.

Resignation of Membership

- 2.7** Any member of the Society who intends to retire from or resign his membership, may do so, at any time, upon giving the Board of Directors notice in writing of such intention, and upon discharging any lawful liability which is standing upon the books of Society against him at the time of such notice.

For resigning members in good standing, it will be at the discretion of the Board as to the amount of refund, if any.

DIRECTORS

Number of directors on Board

4.1 The Society must have no fewer than 3 and no more than 9 directors.

The Board will be comprised of:

- 4 (four directors) from the accommodation sector and
- 1 (one) director from Retail, Food and Beverage,
- 1 (one) director from Recreation and Outdoors sector,
- 1 (one) director from the Arts, Education & Culture sector
- 1 (one) director from Agriculture
- 1 (one) director from Health and Wellness

Election or appointment of directors

4.2 At each annual general meeting, the voting members entitled to vote for the election or appointment of directors must elect or appoint the Board.

Directors may fill casual vacancy on Board

4.3 The Board may, at any time, appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy that arises on the Board as a result of the resignation, death or incapacity of a director during the director's term of office.

Term of appointment of director filling casual vacancy

4.4 A director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy ceases to be a director at the end of the unexpired portion of the term of office of the individual whose departure from office created the vacancy